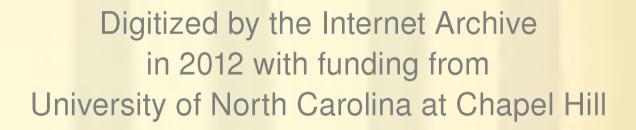


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... the events and people at Western that once were.

The 1997 Catamount Yearbook is dedicated to

Glenn M. Stillion.

Dr. Stillion worked for 23 years as the Vice Chancellor of Student Development. He is a mentor and friend to all. Me all will mizz him greatly. Me wish him a happy retirement.

-The Catamount Staff







Above Top: These members of the Catamount Yearbook Staff are dressed to impress and ready to go to Stillion's retirement party. Pictured from left to right are O.J. Morris, Dana Harrison, Margie Koch, Karyn Koehler, J.D. Randall and Lisa McHenry

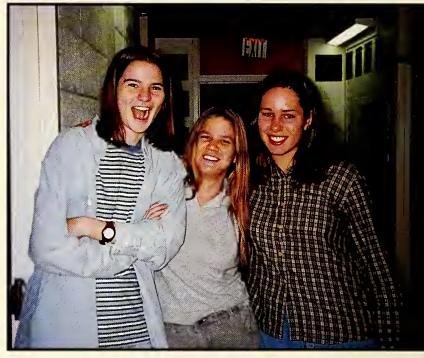
<u>Above Left:</u> Dr. Stillion took a moment to speak before the crowd. Many coworkers, friends, and student leaders were present to send sincere farewells. The theme of the party was "End of an Era."

<u>Above Middle:</u> Assistant Editor, Karyn, hugs Dr. Stillion. Margie and Karyn gave a speech thanking him for all the support throughout the years.

<u>Above Right</u>: Dr. Stillion spends time with co-worker and friend, Al Wiggins. Al sang a beautiful song at the reception in honor of Dr. Stillion.

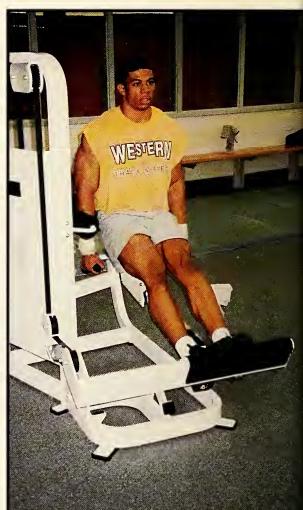
















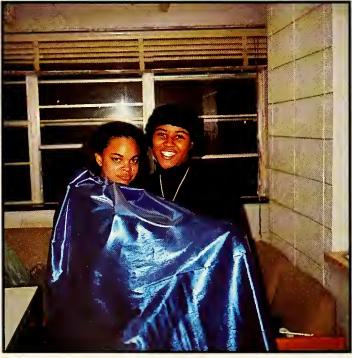




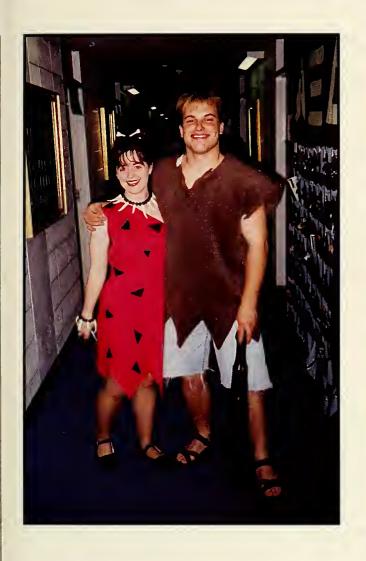






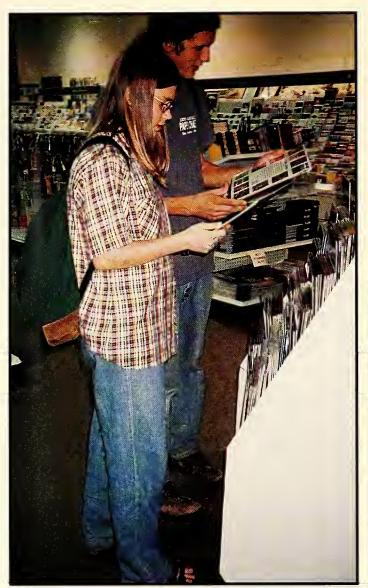


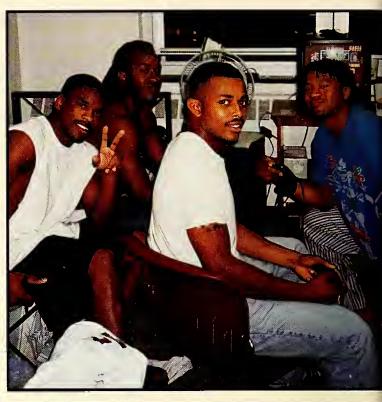




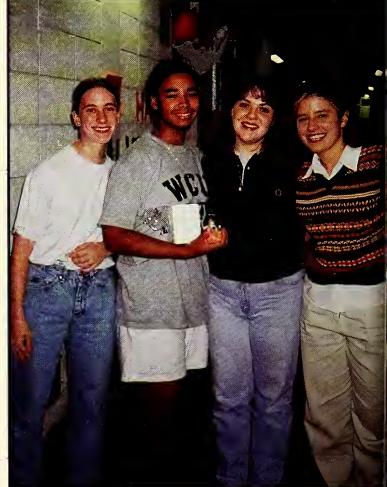




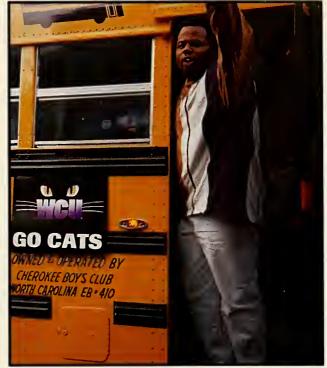












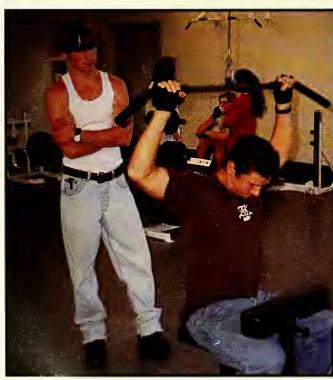












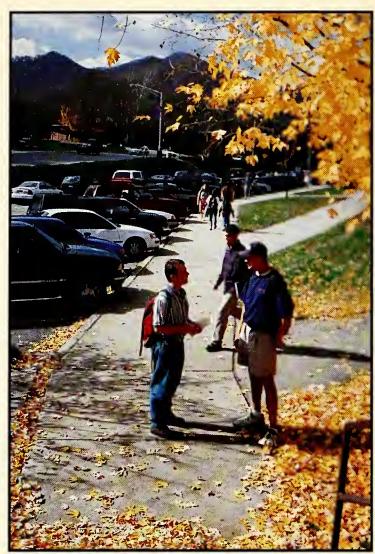




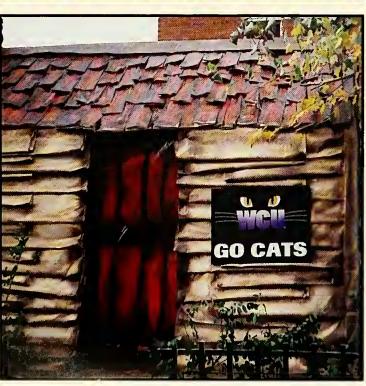


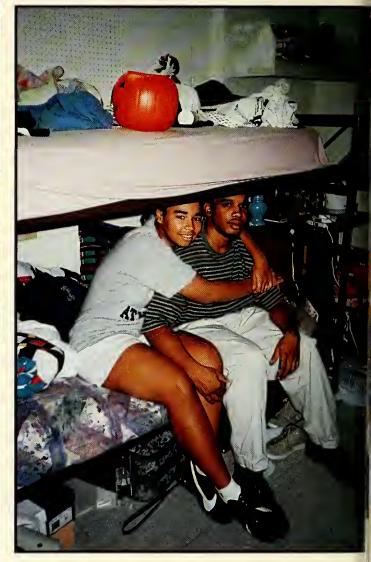




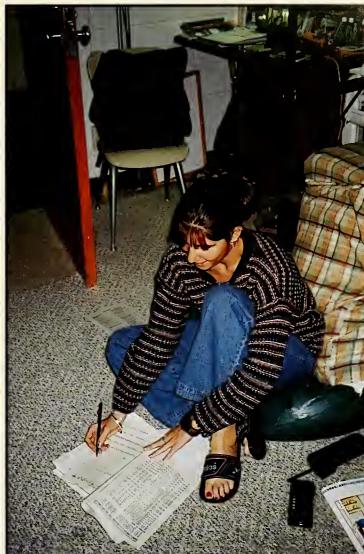


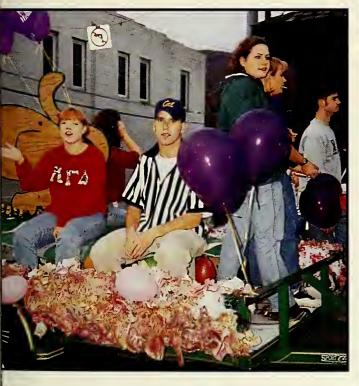




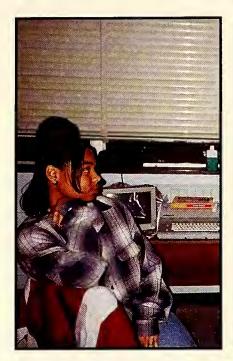
















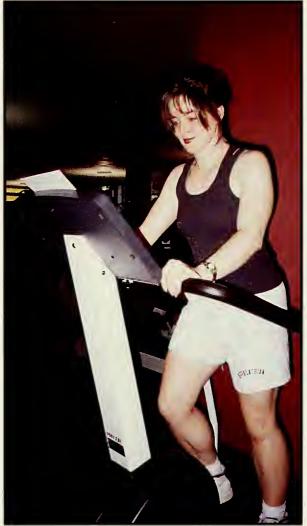


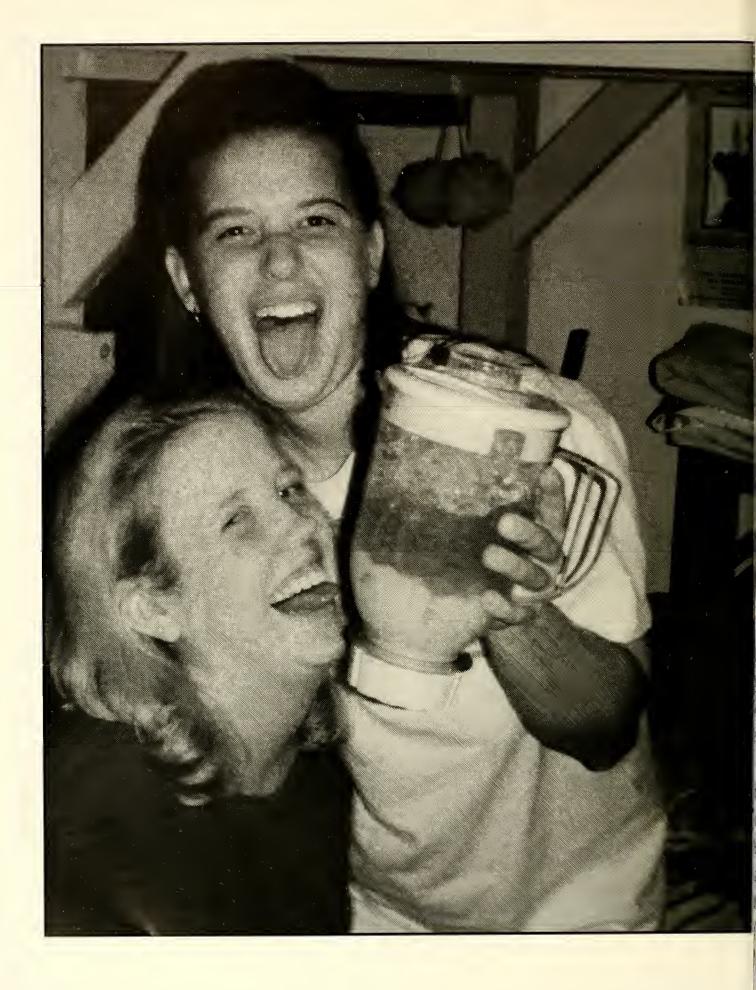
















"Coming Together As One"

Students come from miles around to attend this small university nestled uietly in the Great Smoky Mountains. A diverse group of individuals come ogether on this close - knit campus with different hopes and dreams. College fe is a time for students to learn to live on their own, manage their time, meet ew friends, and grow into adults.

Even though Western is a small university, with a little less than seven housand students, there is always something to do. Mountain Heritage Day a wonderful cultural experience. Venders come in by the handfuls to isplay their crafts. Homecoming is a time for WCU Alumni to come back nd visit old friends. This week also provides plenty of fun and activities for he entire student body. Parent's day is a time when mom and dad can visit Vestern and see what their children are up to. Each student at WCU is lifterent, yet as a student body we all come together as one.

### WCU Surroundings Different From The Rest

Western Carolina University is well known for its beautiful scenery. Students at WCU enjoy being surrounded by the Smoky Mountains, breathtaking waterfalls, and gorgeous blue skies.

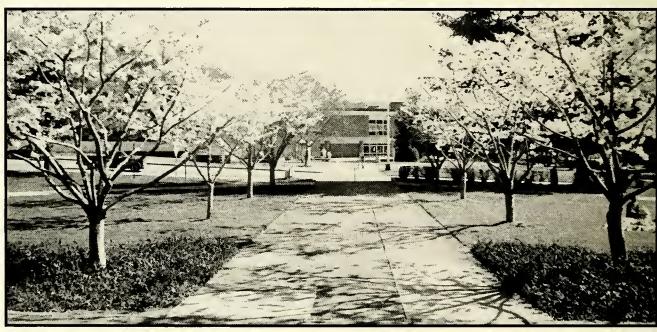
The crisp, cool days of Fall bring the colors of the season. The leaves are painted with tints of gold, red, and yellow that adorn the mountains that surround campus. During the winter months, the mountains are covered with snow. In the spring, the green trees cover the mountains, as well as brightly colored dogwoods. In the summer the many lakes and rivers around the area are great places to swim and raft.

WCU is a beautiful place to be anytime of year. No matter what season it is, there is always somewhere beautiful to go.

*Right*: The beautiful waterfalls that surround the campus are a favorite location for visitors at WCU. There are numerous waterfalls along the Parkway, and the ever popular "White Water Falls" in Cashiers.

**Bottom**: Springtime brings with it beautiful blooming trees and flowers. The trees line the walkway to the bell tower.













<u>Top Left</u>: This WCU sign welcomes visitors to the back side of campus. This rustic sign is surrounded by shrubbery and bushes that gives it that "mountain look."

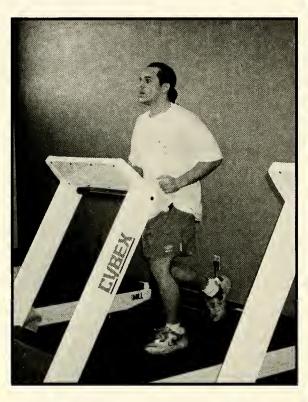
<u>Above</u>: The bell tower is one of the most famous sites at WCU. The tower is located in the middle of campus and was built by the WCU alumni.

<u>Middle</u>: The WCU lawns and buildings are always kept clean and well cared for by the WCU staff. The employees see to it that the campus always looks its best.

**Bottom Left**: Catamount Gap welcomes visitors and students to the University. In the winter, snow lightly covers the Gap, creating a breathtaking setting.

## WCU Fitness Center Let's Get Physical

At the beginning of this year, a fitness center was opened in Reid gym. The center became popular among the faculty and students at Western Carolina University. The center has treadmills, weights, stair steppers, and a variety of other exercise machines. The Fitness Center was a greatly appreciated addition to WCU. The Fitness Center was a wounderful place to go to get in shape and relieve stress.



Above: The treadmills are popular machines for the faculty and students at WCU. These machines enable the joggers and walkers to come inside out of the bad weather, and still get a good workout. Top Right: This WCU student looks like the stair stepper is giving her quite a workout! The Fitness Center is fully staffed with people who are always there to help students and faculty with all the equipment.

<u>Middle</u>: Are we having fun yet? All the machines are equipped with helpful workout charts that show how to get the best possible benefits from exercising.

Right: With a look of willpower and determination, this student uses the Fitness Center mats to tone up his abs. As hard as he is working, it should not be long before he is in perfect shore.









<u>Left</u>: That's what friends are for! These friends are helping each other during a workout. Working out in pairs seems to be a real motivator.

*Middle Left:* Look at those biceps! There are trained employees at the Fitness Center who show students different exercises to work certain muscles.

**Below**: This student takes time out of her weight lifting to smile for the camera. She makes her workout look easy.

**Bottom Left:** This student is taking every possible moment to study. The Fitness Center is a wonderful place for students to escape the hustle and bustle of campus life, and is a positive way to relieve stress.

**Bottom Right**: After a long hard workout, this student takes time to cool down on the treadmill. It is always important to properly slow the heart rate down after a strenuous workout.









# Homecoming 1996 Not Just Another Day

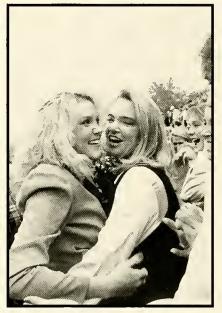
Homecoming day was held on October 26th. Homecoming day is a long standing tradition at Western and a day filled with excitement, fun, and memories to last a lifetime.

Homecoming morning began with tailgate parties that featured a music DJ in the baseball parking lot. At 2:00, the Catamounts went to battle with the UT-Chattanooga Mocs. During halftime, the 1996 Homecoming King and Queen were announced. The excitement was felt by everyone when Brent Roberts was announced King and Gretchen Best, Queen. Homecoming festivities came to an end that night when a Stompfest was held in the Ramsey Center.

This years Homecoming festivities will long be remembered by students, faculty and alumni. This was a time when new and old students could come together and enjoy a memorial weekend at WCU.







Above: WCU Sophomo Gretchen Best smiles for t camera after being crown 1996 Homecoming Quee Gretchen is bei congratulated by h sorority sisters. She is member of Alpha Chi Ome sorority.

Bottom Left: Gretcher parents are Alfred and Maril Best. Tragically, Mr. B passed away on September 1996. Gretchen submitted t picture in loving memory her father.

Left: That is what friends for. Rachel Ivie congratula Gretchen after being crown queen. Good friends moments like this even memorable.









<u>Left</u>: Brent Roberts smiles and waves to the camera at the mecoming parade that was held on Friday, October 25th, in va.

Pright: As other Homecoming contestants applauded, Brent perts was announced the new Homecoming King.

ve: The 1995 Homecoming King and Queen, Tasha Childress Joe Monroe, await the crowning of the new King and Queen. tom Right: WCU's new Homecoming King, Brent Roberts and een, Gretchen Best have been crowned. Both winners are all iles.



## WCU Students On Their Best Behavior

Parent's Day is a very special weekend at WCU. This is a time when parents can spend a day with their son or daughter at Western. Moms and dads are introduced to roommates, neighbors, friends, and possibly a new boyfriend or girlfriend. This is also a time for students to extend thanks to their parents for all their loving support.

This years Parent's Day was on November 9th. The highlight of the weekend was the exciting football game between the Cats and Elon college.

Before the football game, parents and students could be seen lining the parking lot of the Ramsey Center tailgating, cooking out, or just enjoying each others company. After the game, many clubs and organizations honored parents with special banquets and dinners.

As the memorable day drew to a close, some parents departed on their journey back home, while others stayed in Cullowhee for the night. This day offered parents and their sons and/or daughters the opportunity to enjoy a fun-filled day at WCU.



**Top Right**: This family decided to spend Parent's Day at the football game between WCU and Elon. Tailgating before the game seems to be just as fun as attending the game.

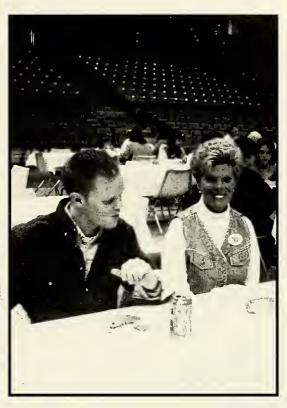
<u>Right</u>: Say Cheese! This mother and son enjoy spending time together during the Parent's Day luncheon. The luncheon was held in the Ramsey Center before the football game.











Top Left: Let's eat! These people chose to get out of the cold mountain air and attend the festivities that were held inside the Ramsey Center. This mother looks like she is enjoying Parent's Day.

<u>Above</u>: Dig in! This mother and son are having a great time catching up on all their missed conversations.

Middle: This mother and daughter look like they are enjoying themselves tailgating before the football game. Many parents brought loads of food and drinks along for the weekend.

<u>Left</u>: This mother and daughter look like they are having fun. Many parents come from all over the East coast just to spend this weekend with their son or daughter.

### WCU Foodservice More than a Mouthful

One of the most difficult things to get used to when it comes to college is the transition from "mamma's cooking" to the cafeteria. The days of homemade biscuits and real mashed potatoes are gone. Those days are now replace by instant, prepackaged, and frozen foods.

Marriott foodservices trys to accommodate students with a wide variety of foods in Brown, Dodson, and in the Food Court. This year Dodson received "Pretzel Time" and "TCBY Treats," while Brown received "Hazel's Deli." For late nighters, the Food Court offered the choice of Pizza Inn, Taco Bell and TCBY. In the Spring of 1997, the completion of the Student University Center brought about the opening of Chick-Fil-A and a new upscale deli.

While the foodservice here at WCU does not quite compare to homecooking, they successfully provided students with a wide variety of foods to choose from.





Left: What did you say? These thre friends take time out from their bus class schedules to catch up on th latest WCU gossip. It looks like the have found something interestin to talk about.

Above: The Pizza Inn employed spends her break time doin something constructive--studying Many students hold down job during the school year, so they used any extra minute to study. The student looks like she is verified determined and dedicated to his studies.







<u>Top Left</u>: What a Joker? This student wants us to think he found this in his chicken. What do you think?

Above: These good friends share a meal together in Brown. The cafeteria is the best place to run into a good friend. After all, no one likes to eat alone.

<u>Left</u>: Cora is a friendly face many students enjoy seeing during breakfast and lunch in Dodson. People like her allow students to enjoy eating away from home. Cora does her best to make students feel like Western is their home away from home.

## WCU Nightlife

Life in the Fast Lane



For many students, there is never a bad night during the weel to throw or attend a party at WCU Bailey's, O'Malley's, and the new Catamount Club are among the popular places for many student to socialize. Sometimes student get frustrated with the small town parties and venture out to large cities such as Atlanta, Charlotte, o Asheville.

If one does decide to stay of campus to party, dorm rooms apartments, and fraternity house are prime places to get togethed Partying and relaxing with friend is a very important part of students lives. Parties allow students to meet new people, hang out with old friends and break away from the stress of college.





<u>Top</u>: Winding down on a Friday night, these six friends enjoy hanging out in the dorm and spending time together.

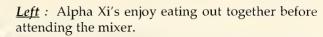
<u>Left</u>: Threes a crowd, fours more fun! These friends smile for the camera at the Halloween Bash held at Brown cafeteria.

<u>Above</u>: Trick or Treat! These spooky goblins enjoy partying on Halloween together!









Middle Left :"Girls just wanna' have fun!" These girls are having a small get together to pass another Saturday night.

<u>Below</u>: These four friends party on Halloween gangsta' style.

**Bottom Left**: "Get down tonight!" Dancing is a great way to let go of all the stress of college.

**Bottom Right**: Ready to go out to the fraternity parties, these girls stop to pose for a quick picture.





### WCU Theatre

#### It's Not Just an Act!

Each year the Western Carolina University Drama department performs several plays for the campus and community to attend. This year the department performed four plays: "1776," "Fences," "A Midsummer Night's Dream," and "You Never Can Tell."

In order for these plays to be successfully performed, many late night rehearsals are a must. Students also participated in designing the sets.

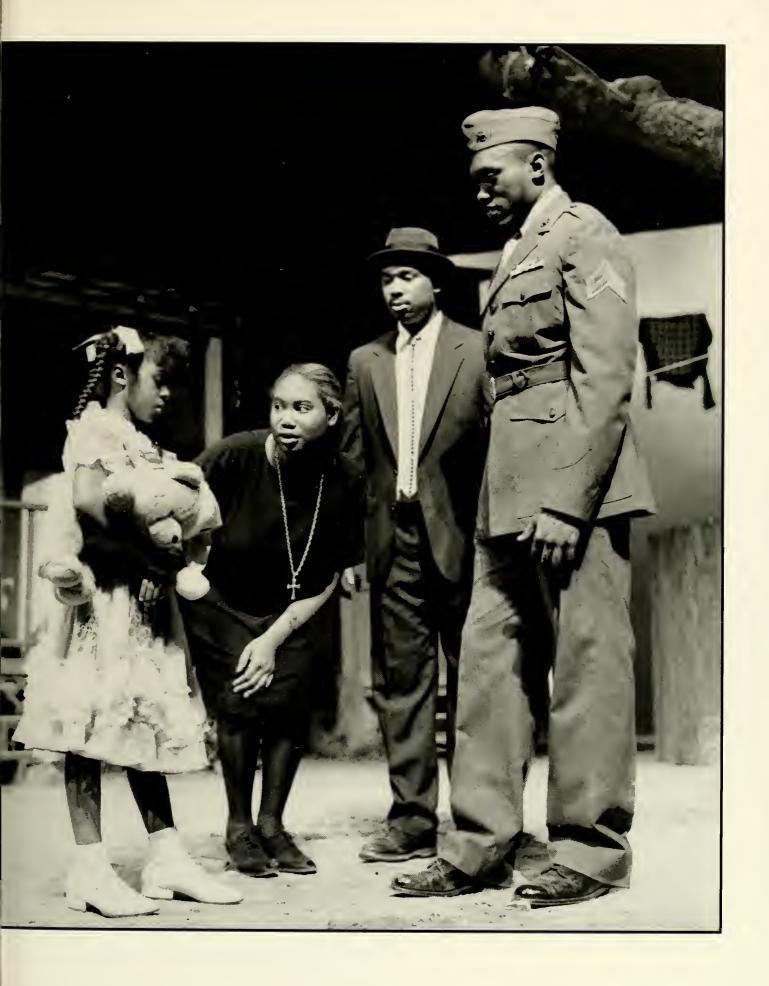
All the hard work and dedication payed off in the end with many successful performances. Students, faculty, and people from the community were constantly amazed by Western's talented drama department.



"Fences" November 19 - 23



"A Midsummer Night's Dream"









Instruction and Discipline

According to Webster's Dictionary, education is "instruction and iscipline." As college students, many on campus can relate to this efinition. College is a big step to take for a student and has to be taken eriously by an individual. A student must take their "instructions" and discipline" themselves to succeed in their classes. An education is the key all doors, and the students of Western Carolina have already unlocked be first door. The students on campus are determined and goal oriented, hey know their priorities. The university has set high standards to repare each individual for their future. With experienced teachers and a ride variety of classes, each student has the opportunity to reach their ighest goals. Western Carolina is here to help each member of the niversity; it is up to the students to take advantage of what the school ffers. Education is the key to success.

#### Raising The Bar Chancellor Bardo





Over the past two year. Chancellor Bardo has worked hard make academic changes on campi Bardo is determined and wants only the best for Western Carolina Universion This administrative leader has stay focused on his goals that he has set on the year. Classes have been strengthen and students are taught at appropriate levels. Western is heading towar educational excellence and Chancel Bardo is the leader.



Top Left: Chancellor Bardo became head; ministrator on April 26, 1996. He has migreat improvements around campus, and ways shows a great attitude towards the dents.

Above: Always staying involved, Bardo the time out of his busy schedule to meet with it students. Being involved with campus acties is important for Bardo since he is the least of WCU.

Left: His job isn't always fun and games. It this busy school day, Bardo tries to keep with all of his work.



<u>Left</u>: Bardo takes a Saturday to relax and enjoy one of Western's exciting football games. One can find Bardo at any school function.

**Below**: Always seen with a smile on his face, Bardo has a positive attitude in everything he does.

**Bottom Left**: Taking time away from the office, Chancellor Bardo visits Channel Z to speak to active students. He is always there to answer any questions students may have.

**Bottom Right:** During his second year of being Chancellor, Bardo is continuing his "raising the bar" motto. He works for the students to make WCU one of the finest universities.

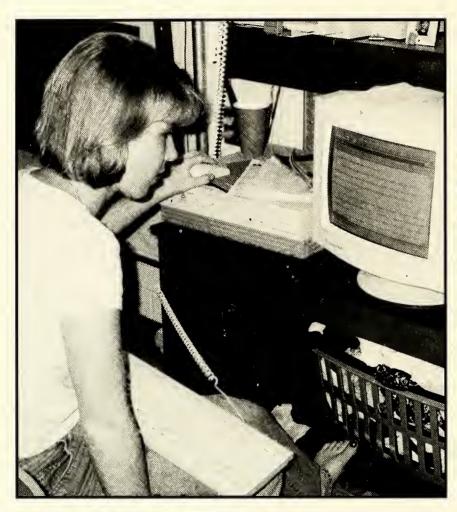






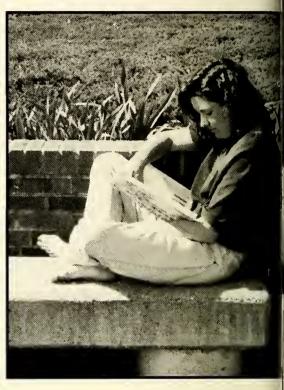
#### Hitting the Books

The Dirty "S" Word - Studying





The fun has to end somewhere and at college the stopping point is th books. The dreaded word studying, i what every student tries to avoid. From History to Chemistry, every colleg student has to put extra hours i studying to keep up the grades. Som spend more hours than others, but in the long run the time always pays off. The pride that every student feels when the see that "A" at the top of their paper indescribable.



*Top Left:* Avoiding the hassle of the busy comput labs, this student takes advantage of having h own computer. While proof reading her Englipaper, she puts the finishing touches to make h essay perfect.

Above: Relaxing in the sun and reviewing over reading assignment is a perfect way to pass tire in-between classes. The campus has plenty relaxing places for a student to catch up on the homework.

Left: Each dorm contains a peaceful study loun for a student to break away from a noisy dor room. Since this girl's roommate was watchir T.V., she was able to escape to the quite lounge finish her studying.



<u>Right</u>: Studying is important for a student to keep their grades high. Although it is dreaded by all, this student has a positive outlook on her studying.

**Bottom**: Trying to hustle with her homework, this student just remembered about her assignment that is due in 15 minutes. College is full of stress, but it is all worth it.

**Bottom Left**: This student realizes that education is very important in today's world, and spends his nights studying.

**Bottom Right:** This student is getting prepared for her class. Preparation is an important part of college.





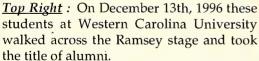


# Opening New Doors Stepping Into New Worlds!

Angela Allen, Jay Anand, Ashley Arrowood... these names and many more echoed proudly through the Ramsey gym on Dec. 13th, 1996. They are finally graduating from college and stepping out into a new world. A world full of obstacles and questions awaits these new graduates. They have worked hard for their achievements, and are ready for whatever lies ahead. The memories will last forever, and college has them for endless prepared opportunities. Most of all, these alumni will always carry the pride of Western Carolina University.







<u>Above</u>: As this student shakes Chancellor Bardo's hand, pride and courage fills his mind. His college diploma is now his key to all career doors.

<u>Right</u>: Excitement and anxiety are just some of the emotions that this graduate is feeling. The alumniat Western have dedicated many hours to accomplish their goals.



### Where The Road Leads Seniors Speak Out



I plan to work with atistic children and help hem to be the best they can possibly be."

- Shannon Ward



"Wedding bells come to mind after graduation. I'm heading towards a new and better future."

- Josh Grooms



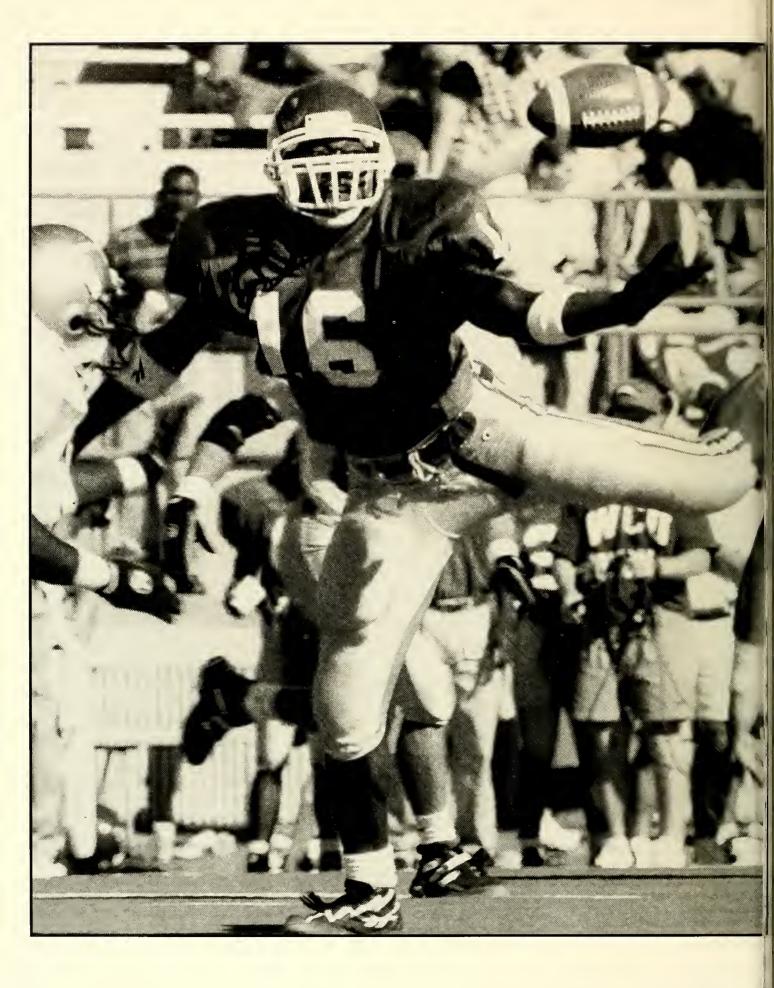
"Hopefully the experiences and skills that I have gained through undergraduate studies at Western will enable me to be successful in law school."

- Tyreace L. Dixon



"I'm scared to death of entering the real world. However my undergraduate studies have prepared me for my future career in Health Information Management."

- Kim Joyce







### The Pursuit of Victory

In the middle of a busy campus full of many faces, hectic schedules, ifficult classes, and social activities, there is one thing that each student t Western Carolina has in common-pride. Students have strong pride or themselves. Much of this pride centers around the many athletic eams Western offers. Even before school starts, football players and heerleaders dedicate their time and energy into achieving their goals nd being the best they can be. The cross-country team shows etermination each day running and training. Other fall sports include: olleyball, golf, and tennis.

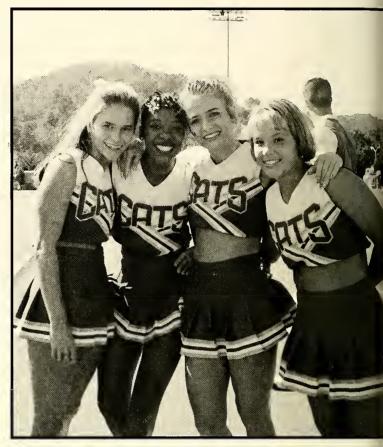
Athletic events move inside as the temperature drops, and xcitement rises awaiting basketball season. Once spring rolls around, ne baseball players, track and field athletes, and tennis players come ut to compete. No matter what the sport, one thing always remains: ride and the pursuit of victory.

# WCU Cheerleaders A Touch of Spirit

The lasting memories of the football games include: the fans, the band, the players, and the press, but a football game could never be complete without the cheerleaders. They are the soul and spirit of football and basketball games. The cheerleaders spend many hours, three days a week, practicing. The determination and love of cheering shows in their cheers and gravity defying stunts. Last year, the cheerleaders supported the basketball team to the Southern Conference Championships and all the way to the NCAA Tournament with their new coach, Katherine Ryan. The Western Carolina Cheerleaders look forward to another season of hard work and fun.

<u>Right</u>: Taking a break from cheering for the Catamounts, these Varsity Cheerleaders, Jennifer, Tisha, Tori, and Angie enjoy the excitement of the game. Their love for cheering is shown in their smiles.

*Below:* Team Spirit! The Varsity Cheerleaders are (left to right): Grant, Damon, Steve, Doug, Jeff, Brad, Kyle, Jennifer, Victoria, Kristi, Amy, Tisha, Angie, and Kristen. After hours of practice and games, the cheerleaders become a close family of best friends.







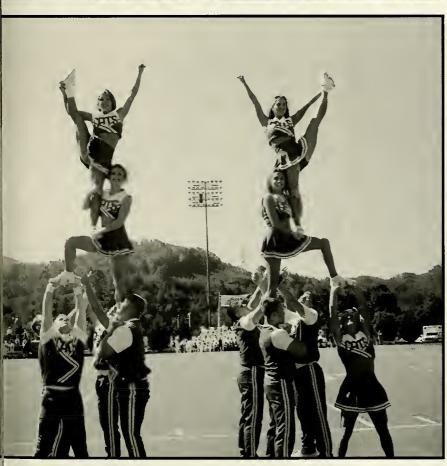


*Top left:* Standing Strong! Partners Angie and Brad perform a cupee in front of the home crowd. Strength and trust are an important part of cheering.

Left: "56,57,58...how many more?!" After each touchdown, the guy cheerleaders get down and do push-ups. Despite the long hard game, senior Kyle Moody, still has a smile of determination on his face.

**Bottom Left:** "C-A-T-S!! Go Cats Go!!" The WCU cheerleaders finish off their cheer with amazing heel stretches. Many hours of practices pay off when they see the smiles of approval from the crowd.

**Below:** GO WESTERN!! Partners Jeff and Amy do a cheer to pump up the crowd. Sharp motions and unity give cheers their visual effect.





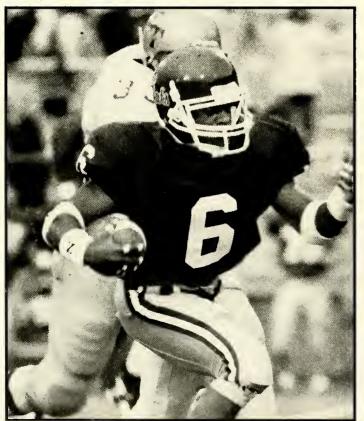
### Catamount Football A New Start

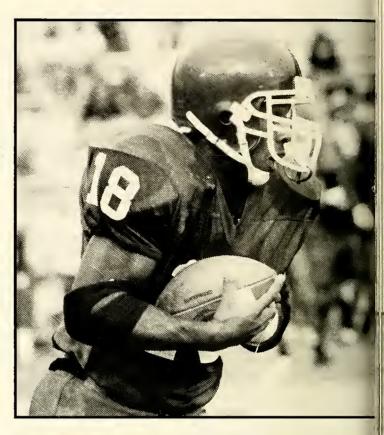
The big social event in the fall at Western Carolina occurs every weekend during the first semester, the Western football games. Attracting Western's student population, parents, and the surrounding community the games begin on Saturday afternoons. The Western Carolina team, led by quarterback, Josh Brooks, has a record of 4-7 overall and 1-7 in the Southern Conference. Due to the unfortunate losses, many coaching changes have been made in hope of a successful season in 1997. A new season to start over and make Western proud.

<u>Right</u>: Number 18, Darius Hooks, watches the defenders as he prepares to run through. He plays the position of tailback for the Catamounts.

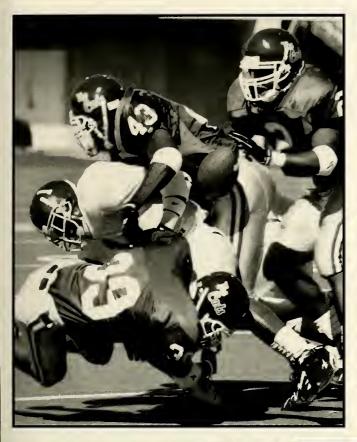
<u>Bottom Right</u>: Run, Run!! Jerome Lardy dashes past the defender to gain yards, with his quick feet and touchdown focused eyes, no one can catch him.

<u>Below</u>: "Should we go for the touchdown or kick a field goal?" Head coach Steve Hodgin watches his team hoping for a touchdown. His seventh season as coach, Hodgin ranks third among the Southern Conference's nine head football coaches.















<u>Top Left</u>: "He's going down!!" In the midst of a tackle from WCU's Cranston Johnson, Lamont Crosland, and Marcus Bradly, the UT - Chattanooga player fumbles the ball. This is the way its supposed to be done!

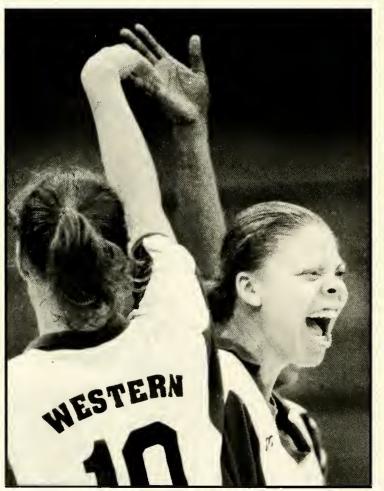
<u>Top Right</u>: "Kick it!" Punting the football is number 31, Ken Hinsley. As he concentrates on the ball he must kick, he's mastered the technique-laces always up!

<u>Left</u>: With determination shining in his eyes, number 17 Josh Brooks passes the ball to the tailback. As quarterback, Brooks must decide when to pass and when to run, a decision that could win, or lose the game.

<u>Above</u>: Ball in hand, Tracy Biggs maneuvers around the defensive line of UT - Chattanooga. As tailback, Biggs must have a quick eye and fast legs to outrun the other team.

# Serving Up Success Despite A Long Season, The Catamounts Finish Strong.

"Spike it!...I got it!...Block it!" Yells and cheers can be heard every afternoon drifting from the Camp Lab Gym. This is where the Western Carolina Volleyball team puts all their determination and dedication into their practices. As head coach, Sara Martin looks on the team of hard-working players practice spikes, serves, aces, and kills. The majority of the volleyball matches were away from home, which can be tough on the players. Pride and spirit kept them going strong from match to match.





<u>Above</u>: The finishing touch! Lady Catamounts Holly Poff Mary Goebel set the ball over the net. Hard work and determination are an important factor of success in volleyball.

<u>Left</u>: Reaching high for their goals, these teammates share rush of excitement that they experience in their victory pc Coming together helps join their spirit into an unstoppabl team. Without each other, there is no team.







<u>Top Left</u>: Winning Style! Outside hitter, Ramsey Herron from Greensboro, North Carolina, bumps the ball up for her teammate to spike it. Her athletic ability shines through on court. Making it look easy, she places the ball exactly where she wants it.

<u>Top Right</u>: Hands Off! Jessi Fick takes control of the ball as her opponents look on. Aggression is the key to offensive plays. Despite a knee surgery last season, she gives it her all and always comes through for her team.

<u>Left</u>: Time for a heart to heart. Third year head coach, Sara Martin, gives the team a pep talk. During time-outs she instructs the team on the next plays. As an experienced college volleyball player, she has a lot to offer.

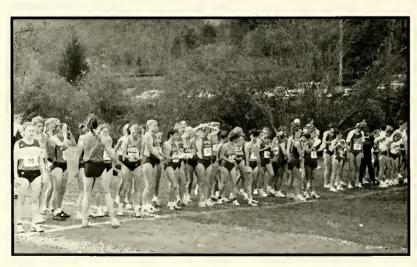
# Cross - Country Going the Extra Mile

In the late fall, one often sees the cross-country team running through the Western Carolina campus. They are the distance runners. Each meet consists of two or three miles. Cross-country runners push themselves to the limit in order to get their bodies in shape. With the wintry elements pushing against them, they run mile after mile building stamina and endurance. The Western cross-country team competes against other schools in the Southern Conference like Furman, Davidson, Appalachian, and East Carolina. Each meet they set out to do their best.

<u>Right</u>: "She passes on the outside...!" This cross-country runner finds an opening as she rounds the corner of the long course. Cross-country runners have amazing stamina and endurance which enables the bodies to last through the race.

**Bottom Left:** "On your marks!" The women's cross-country team prepares to begin their race. It's important to stretch your body before running.

**Bottom Right:** The last stretch of the race is the most difficult for many cross-country runners. At this point, the pace is forgotten and the runners break out in a sprint towards the finish line.









<u>Left</u>: Racing toward the finish! Jeremiah eyes the finish line that is only a stretch away. By the end of the race, many of the runners are drained mentally and physically. The sight of the finish line gives them a last spurt of energy to make it across.

**Below**: These runners warm up and stretch in preparation for the upcoming race. In the cold November air, it is important for the cross-country members to warm up their bodies to avoid cramps and pulled muscles. The races put a lot of strain on them.

**Bottom**: "Over the river and through the woods, to the finish line we go!" Taking their places in line, the runners cross the bridge. The cross-country courses are just as they are named - across country. Down paths, up hills, and even over bridges, the courses test their ability.



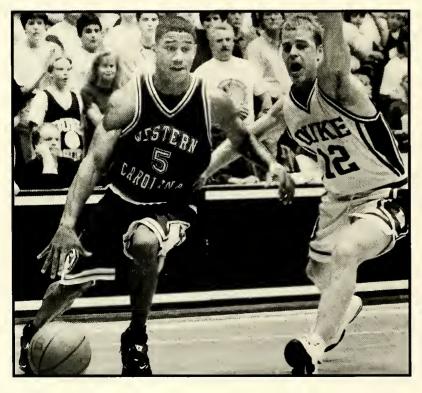


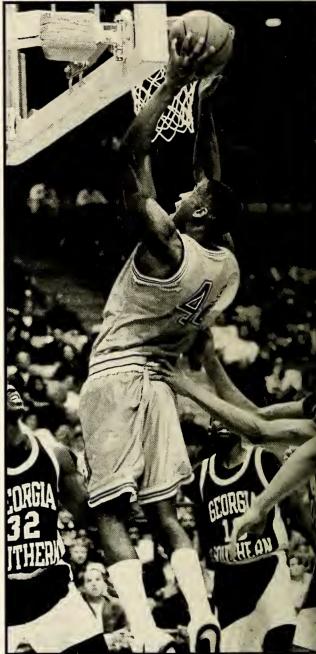
## An Unforgettable Season Cats Stay Strong

Reunited for another season, the Catamounts took on the Southern Conference once again. With Coach Hopkins at their heels, the Western basketball players looked to the Southern Conference Tournament with high hopes. Last season, the Catamounts ended with a first spot in the conference. This season the WCU players faced Kentucky, Duke, and Cincinnati. Tragically, Joe Stafford, guard and key three point shooter, had knee surgery late in the season, ending his collegiate career as a senior. Minus one player, the Catamounts worked extra hard as a team. With a record of 11 -12, the men's basketball team headed into the Southern Conference Tournament looking for another Championship.

**Right**: With socks pulled high, Bobby Philips goes for the dunk. A Junior from Salisbury, NC, Philips averages 15.0 points and 5.1 rebounds a game. Ranked No.8 in scoring in the Southern Conference, Bobby is definitely a valuable player.

**Below**: Finding a break, Joel Fleming takes the ball to the basket. Fleming ranks No.3 in the Southern Conference for assists and was named All-Southern Conference Tournament selection last season.











**Top Left**: Maneuvering around the opponent, Ken Gibson drives to the basket. As a 6-5 Senior, Gibson finishes his career hitting 85.7% of his freethrows and making three starts in the 1996-1997 season.

Above: Pass it! Dondrell Whitmore looks to pass the ball on the outside. As a Sophomore at Western, Whitmore had started seven straight games until an ankle injury prevented him from playing. He is second on the team with five dunks.

Left: Reaching for new heights, Larry Mayo glides to the basket. Scoring in the double figures nine times this season, Larry knows how to score. As a Senior, he leaves Western as the No.1 free-throw shooter in the Southern Conference.

### Western's Lady Cats Growling to Success

The Lady Cats set out once again to take on the Southern Conference. Coach Gary Peters prepared his team well for this season against such teams as College of Charleston, Montreat, UNC Asheville, and other Southern Conference teams. The Western Carolina Women's basketball team ended their season with an overall record of 10-15 and 4-10 in the conference. Unfortunately, Western lost Freshman Willow Russell due to a shoulder injury and a stress fracture in her foot. Despite this misfortune, WCU stayed strong. This season two major records were broken by the Lady Cats. Missy Broy currently holds the new record of 390 assists in a season. Senior Pam Owens is now Western's "steals leader." The Lady Cats are a very competitive and powerful team. Western's Lady Cats look to next season with high hopes.

**Right**: "She goes for the shot!!" Finding an opening, this Lady Cat puts the ball up hoping to score. Picked to be at the bottom of the Southern Conference, Western proved everyone wrong.

**Below**: Going around the back, this WCU Lady Cat maneuvers around her opponent. Speed and quickness are major aspects of basketball. Obviously, this player has mastered both of these.









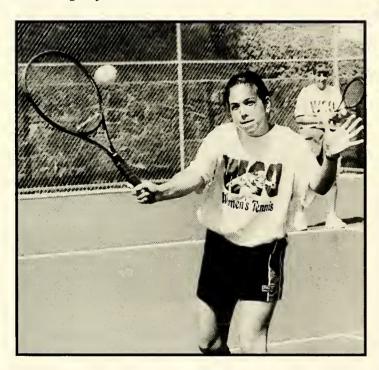
<u>Above</u>: Going for the layup, No.33 keeps her eyes to the basket. This kind of determined player is what lead this season's team to two broken records.

<u>Left</u>: "Shoot it!" Surrounded by her opponents, No.15 overcomes them all, as she makes the jump shot. On three-pointers and jump shots, technique is the key factor to making the basket.

# WCU Tennis Getting into the Swing of Things

Breaking a sweat in the spring sun, the tennis team practiced with a dedication that paid off during each match of the season. Devoting endless hours of practice, the team remained focused and dedicated throughout the entire year.

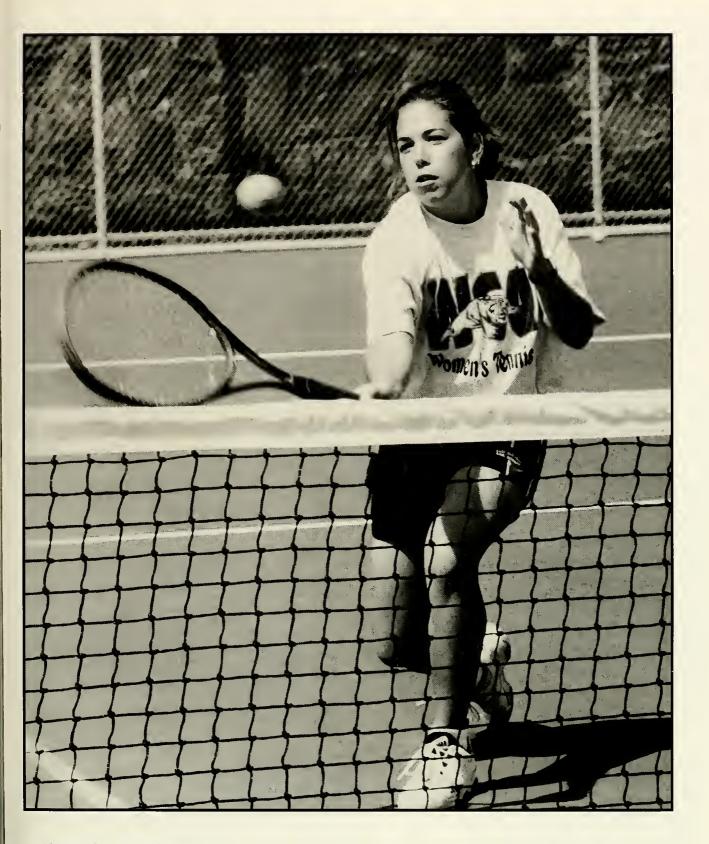
Playing tennis is a high impact sport that required each player to maintain grace as well as agility. Speed, accuracy, and determination are other characteristics that tennis players must strive to meet.



<u>Above</u>: This tennis player puts force behind her serve. Applying strength and effort is essential to the game.

<u>Right</u>: Concentration and power is required in order to excell at tennis. This player seems to be having a fun time while attempting to win the match.





<u>Above</u>: Getting underneath the ball for the save, this player concentreates intently. Showing skill and speed, she gives the swing her all.

### WCU Track Team Split Second Speed

Track is a sport that requires vigorous work and improves the body to be stronger, faster, and more precise. Split seconds decide between the winner and second best. Track has a variety of events such as: the mile, 800, 400, 4x4, 200, and hurdles. Other events include: triple jump, high jump, poll vaulting, discus, and shot put. Traveling to many surrounding tracks, the track team prepares for the USA Championship in June.

<u>Right</u>: "On your marks...get set...go!" A lot rides on the technique and quickness of the start. It puts the runner at either the front or the back of the pack.

<u>Below</u>: The WCU track team is a group of talented and dedicated athletes who give their all to the team. At each track meet, the runners' loyalty shine through as they join together to compete.

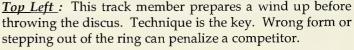












*Top Right*: "How far can you throw it?" Launching a metal ball as far as possible may seem simple, but this is no easy task. Relying on the power of your arm and shoulders, shot put requires a lot of strength.

<u>Left</u>: Looking very relaxed, Joe Monroe stretches before the race. Stretching is vital to track members in order to try to prevent pulled muscles or charlie horses. It looks like Joe won't have any difficulties today!

<u>Above</u>: The common sport of track requires incredible endurance, stamina, and speed at the collegiate level. Pacing herself, this runner knows what she is doing.



Western Carolina offers golf as an intercollegiate sport for both males and females. The golf team is under the direction of Coach Johnny Wike. Both teams are very young. The guys consist of seven members, with five returning lettermen. The womens team has seven members, also consisting of five letter winners. The WCU golf team is not very visible on campus because of their exhaustive road trips. The teams average about five hours per road trip. The guys started their season on September 15th and ended competition on November 5th. Meanwhile, the girls began September 6th and finished November 12th. Coach Wike hopes that both teams play "under par" for their respective seasons.

<u>Right</u>: Golf is a game of patience and precision. Concentration and determination are two important skills a golfer must have.

*Top Right*: Gone with the wind! With expertise and skill, this WCU golfer gets the ball out of the trap. He looks on as the ball flies toward the green.

**Below**: The WCU men's team includes Mike Bowers, Derrick Caudill, Derrick Deltart, Jamie Eckard, Greg Gerald, Paul Gribble, Jason Thomas, Jeff Wells, and head coach Johnny Wike. Together as a team, they travel all over the Southeast to compete in the sport they love.

**Bottom Right**: Teeing Off! This golfer concentrates as he begins his swing. Good posture and a clean stroke are important aspects of golf.

### WCU Golf Let's Tee It Up!

















<u>Top Left</u>: The WCU womens golf team includes Jessica Blake, Summer Brannock, Melissa Brooks, Faith Hoilman, Sarah Parris, Carrie Shaffer, Chesnee Smith, and head coach Johnny Wike. Despite a young team, the women golfers have five out of seven returning letter winners.

*Top Right:* Practice makes Perfect! These lady golfers perfect their swings at the golf range. Tough courses all over North Carolina await the Lady Catamounts as they prepare to begin the season.

<u>Left</u>: Head coach, Johnny Wike, shows this golfer the importance of angle and precision in a golf swing. Coach Wike gives support and spirit which helps join the team together with pride.

<u>Above</u>: Caught in a trap! Using their golfing skills and abilities, these golfers practice getting the ball out of the sand trap. You must always be prepared for anything that could happen during a tournament.

# Western Baseball Swinging into Victory

The speed of the pitch, the swing, and crack of the bat as it hits the ball into the outfield begins yet another WCU baseball game. This talented and dedicated group of players have come together to pull out a record of 25 - 12 overall, and 11 - 4 in the conference. Being ranked no. 1 in the conference, brings a big smile to Coach Keith Leclair's face. They headed into the Southern Conference Tournament with high hopes. With three to four games a week and practices in-between, the WCU baseball players love their sport and give 100% to the team.



<u>Above</u>: "Safe!" Tagging the base, this player slides head first into second. To avoid the tag and getting out, sliding is the best option.

<u>Right</u>: Watching the pitcher's every move, Martin Barrow awaits the coming pitch. As a Junior, this center fielder has perfected his batting stance. With elbows back and weight on the back foot, he's ready to smack the ball into the outfield.









<u>Top Left:</u> "Tag the base!" J.P. Burwell slides into home feet first around the catcher to make the run. A catcher himself, Burwell knows every move the opposing catcher will make.

<u>Above</u>: #9, Chris Moore, pauses during a game for a high five. This talented sophomore plays short stop. Located between 2nd and 3rd base, short stop requires quickness, a good eye, and a fast arm.

<u>Left</u>: "It's a Homerun!!" Congratulated by his teammates, Alex Tolbert touches home after belting one over the fence. Tolbert leads the team and the Southern Conference in homeruns!







#### It's All Greek To Me

Each semester anticipated men and women flock to Western with varying interest. Although many students take advantage of their independence, others choose to join a fraternity or sorority. The decision is a personal one.

Greek lessons of living and learning begin with Rush. Once receiving bids, new pledges eventually obtain their first set of letters. They then attend mixers to socialize with other Greeks. As demanding as life is, parties, service projects, talent showcases, and friendships are never forgotten.

Fraternity or sorority involvement offers great opportunities for students at WCU. Greek affiliation provides the support of a family structure, a sense of honor, personal growth, social and philanthropic opportunities, and most of all. . .memories that will be cherished for years to come.

### $AX\Omega$

Alpha Chi Omega is a national collegiate sorority offering lifetime membership, experience in self government, encouragement to develop as educated woman, philanthropic service to others, and high personal standards. The sorority was founded at Depaul University in Greencastle, Indiana in 1885. Now there are chapters at over 120 colleges. Alpha Chi Omega came to WCU in 1985. The chapter is quite active on campus, participating in intramurals, mixers, formals, panellinic activities, and academics. Sisters always take the time to learn about each other to strengthen the bond of sisterhood creating lifelong friendships. Also sisters come together for numerous service projects such as Easter Seals, Cystic Fibrosis, McDowell Colony, and Special Olympics.

*Top:* The lifelong bond created in sisterhood is warm and tender. Jamie and Becky enjoy the closeness of their sorority. Sisters are always there when you need a hug to keep you smiling through the day.

Middle: In the beginning each woman was an individual, alone. Now each of these women share a common bond in Alpha Chi Omega sisters are friends 'til the end', no doubt.

**Right:** Alpha Chi Bidnight is a special night for sisters. This is the night when new pledges are picked from the rest of the rushees. Living, loving, and laughing together, these ladies have a great time bonding in sisterhood.













#### $A\Gamma\Delta$

Alpha Gamma Delta was founded May 30, 1904 at Syracuse University. The chapter received its charter February 24, 1996 and became part of Greek life here at WCU. Alpha Gam sisters hold the meaning of sisterhood close to their hearts, possessing their own individuality at the same time. Sisters are lively members of campus life, involved in homecoming, honorary clubs, intramurals, student support services, teaching fellows, and yearbook. Sisters also hold high scholarships and strong academics. Service projects are a big part in sisterhood too. Alpha Gams devote their energy and time to Juvenile Diabetes Foundation and also Campus Cleanup. As the sorority is still new to WCU, there was a significant growth with the first Rush.

*Top;* Alpha Gam sisters, Susann, Beth, and Melissa share quality time together before attending the night's mixer. Ready to go and full of laughter and smiles, they are off to party with Sig Ep brothers on this particular Thursday.

Middle: Go Cats! Sisters share everything, right? Tasha, Susann, Elizabeth, Kara, and JoAnn get wild and crazy when it comes to watching our Cats play football.

Left: We are family in our hearts. Alpha Gam sisters show their love and devotion for each other and their sisterhood. A dedication to leadership and educational achievement is evident among these bright ladies.

### AKA

Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc. was founded in 1908 at Howard University in Washington, DC by nice enthusiastic women. Their colors are pink and green. The purpose is to be of service to all mankind, to cultivate and encourage high scholastic and ethical and standards, to promote unity and friendship among college women. Programs that AKA's are involved in consist of improving Mathematics and science Literacy among Black youth; establishing a Senior Residence Center; strengthening Alpha Kappa Alpha's Washington, DC presence; joining in partnership with the American Red Cross, and uplifting The Black Family. Western's AKA chapter was chartered in 1975. As a chapter, Kappa Alpha is a sisterhood that shows love and understanding of one another. Throughout the years, AKA's have served the community, participated in fundraisers, and held programs that coincide with national programs, including Voter Registration and Black Arts Revolution.

<u>Top Left</u>: Sorors enjoy spending time with each other outside academics. Unity and friendship is vital for sisters of Alpha Kappa Alpha.

**Top Right:** Homecoming is a time when alumni sorors and visiting sorors come together. Old friends bond with the new sorors and develop a strong sisterhood.

Middle: Sharing a common understanding isn't the only thing AKA's have in mind. WCU Alumni, Galena, Leah, and Lannelle join their sorors, Lori, and Dee Dee for Homecoming events.

Right: "Meet the Greeks" is an important gathering of African - American Greek organizations of Western's campus. Pam, Lori, Dee Dee, Heather and Lakeitha are prepared to pass on their knowledge of Alpha Kappa Alpha. Their hopes are to pick up new pledges to become sorors in the flight of everlasting friendship.

















### $A\Omega X$

Alpha Omega Chi is a nondenominational Christian sorority. They offer a fun, exciting, and nonalcoholic fraternal ministry. Weekly meetings are held in order to enjoy the fellowship and involve Bible studies, visiting rest homes, working concession stands, and various other activities. Their mission is to "Know God and make Him known." Their colors are royal purple and white, which signify royalty and purity among members. The Lamb symbolizes, "the Lamb of Gods," is the sorority's symbol. The symbol represents the powerful, loving, sacrificing, and saving nature of Christ (Rev: 5,6,12-22). Although their common goal is to serve the Lord, each individual among the group lives their own life, and participates in many other organizational activities on campus.

*Top:* With the spirit of Christmas in the air, these sisters party the night away. Alpha Omega Delta brothers graciously escorted these ladies to this event. The sisterhood enjoys spending time together and it's obvious by the smiles on their faces.

Middle Left: Members of the Executive Council always like to have fun. Leah Seale, Alice Bard, and Loree Simmons act up after a meeting. These sisters know the meaning of silliness.

Middle Right: All dressed up and nowhere to go? Hang with these Alpha Omega Chi sisters on a Saturday night and dance your heart out. Lean, Heather and Allie look snazzy as ever in their party dresses.

Left: Sisters come together to share the love of the Lord. Unity among sisterhood is important as well. Tracie, Allie, Loree, heather, Tracey, Lean, Kim, Jennifer, Christie, Polly, Rebecca, and Christie share a special Bond through their sorority involvement.

### ΑΞΔ

Alpha Xi Delta is a national fraternity founded in 1893. Alpha Xi's are committed to their national philanthropy "Choose Children." Sisters lead active lives on Western's campus. Many take part in various aspects of student life. Involvement in such activities as blood drives, intramurals. fund-raisers, service projects, formals, mixers and retreats provide the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta with team building skills. Sisters also stress the qualities of loyalty and friendship in the bond of sisterhood.

*Top:* Alpha Xi's are always so helpful. '96 Bid Day was a busy day for these sisters. Rebecca, Stacy, Machen, Donna, Erika, Nora, Amy, Emily, and Caryn spread their sisterly love with bright smiles. It's nice to have sisters around in times on need.

Middle Left: Dinner at the Outback provides time for reminiscing about pastevents. K. Bennett, J. Aldrige, J. Borry, A. Pappas, L. Kowski, E. Aaron, B. Queen, C. Chynoweth, and A Cauthen gather outside for a snap shot. A picture is worth a thousand words to Alpha Xi's.

Middle Right: Preparing for the Spring Formal is such a chore for the sisters of Alpha Xi Delta. J. Aldrige, S. Skinner, A. Langston, and M. Murray take a break from the festivities to relax. How much excitement can a girl take? Still...they keep smiling.

*Right:* Sometimes sisters need to get away and rekindle their bond in the name of sister hood. The sister retreat provided Melissa, Teryl, Paige, Nicole, Joy, Mandy, and Christy with memories to last a lifetime.

















#### $\Delta Z$

Delta Zeta, the largest national sorority, was founded October 24, 1902 at Miami University in Oxford, Ohio. DZ's can be seen all over campus participating in sports, clubs and associated activities. Delta Zeta sisters were actively involved in numerous service projects for the community. Adopt-A Highway, Halloween Carnival and Candy donations, and visiting Mountain Trace Nursing Home were a few activities. Hard work and exceptional effort paid off this summer at the National Convention.

The chapter took home five national awards. Among these awards was "The Most Improved Chapter In The Country." As sisters strive to create lasting friendships and understand the true meaning of sisterhood, Delta Zeta was voted "Sorority Of The Year" for the past two years on Western Carolina's campus.

*Top:* These DZ's are excited about this year's Rush. All dressed in their colors of pink and green, these sisters are ready to pick up new pledges. What a fun group of girls they are.

Middle Left: Sisters spend many nights hanging out on their hall. On a boring Tuesday night, they are caught dressed down and playing cards to pass the time away. No matter who wins the game, all of these sisters are winners because they are sister of Delta Zeta.

Middle Right: The Fall '96 pledge class is eager to become sisters of Delta Zeta. Each girl possess individual qualities that bring such diversity to the sorority. This group of wide-eyed women are ready to take on the world ahead of them.

<u>Left</u>: Loungin' in the sun during a tailgate party, these ladies stand proud in representation of sisterhood. DZ's support one another through all types of weather. Whenever you need a friend, you don't have to look far...maybe just next door.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. was founded January 13, 1913 on the campus of Howard University in Washington, D.C. by twenty - two courageous African -American Women. Deltas, with the colors of crimson and cream. were founded based on Christian principles and built on scholastic achievement. The public motto, "Intelligence is the Torch of Wisdom" exhibits personal strength in education. The sorority's main focuses are: political concerns, women and minority education, economical advancement, global concerns, as well as physical and mental wellness. Delta Sigma Theta has an international involvement with Habitat for Humanity and the Women's Hospital in Liberia, South Africa. The Pi Gamma chapter was funded April 28, 1984 on the campus of Western Carolina University. Since the chapter arrived on campus, Delta's have held the highest GPA among the African - American Greek organizations.

*Top*: The annual "Meet The Greeks" festival celebrates African - American involvement in ethnic organizations. Sporting their soror's colors of crimson and cream, these ladies sign a pyramid of sisterhood.

Middle: Delta's pride themselves on unity through excellence in education. Their trademark being the highest GPA on Western's campus, these sisters focus on their bright futures as productive members in society.

**Right**: Christian morals are important to Delta sorors. Participating in fund-raising activities such as the Christmas Bazaar, gives them the chance to give back to their community.













### ΦМ

The Gamma Mu chapter of Phi Mu Fraternity provides itself on campus and community involvement. On campus, many sisters are: executive officers in clubs associated with their individual majors, active in SGA, and members of the Catamount Ladies. Sisters are also involved in WCU's Supreme Court, Superior Court, and with the Student Hearing Board. Respectively, Phi Mu's Lisa Moon and Tasha Childress won the titles of Homecoming Queen in 1994 and 1995. As the second oldest national sorority, Phi Mu was founded on March 4, 1852 at Wesleyan College in Macon, Georgia. Their colors are rose and white; their flower is the rose carnation, and their mascot is the lion, Sir Fidel. Phi Mu's have been active on Western's campus for over twenty - five years. Currently Phi Mu's are intramural and Pikes Peak champions, as well as Greek Week winners from 1991 to 1995.

*Top:* Phi Mu's find quality time to get to know one another on a personal level. Not only do they share an affiliation, but they share a mutual desire for success. Campus and community involvement strengthens their bond of sisterhood.

Middle: Semi-formal gatherings are a means of sharing experiences for these sisters. Attending national conferences to acquire additional fund-raiser knowledge is profitable for the sisters of Phi Mu.

Left: Fall 96' pledge class formed special bonds during their process of becoming Phi Mu's. Bid Day brought these girls together, following a celebration of lasting friendship. Sisterly support is remembered always.

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### $TB\Sigma$

Tau Beta Sigma is an honorary band service fraternity. Members of this organization are lovers of music and band. In support of Western's music department, during marching band season members take on numerous roles to keep up the band. Tau Beta Sigma brothers and sisters are active in leadership opportunities such as section leaders, lining fields, hauling water, and fund-raising. Satisfactory academic performance is expected above all. Also, the fraternity hosts honors and district band students for local and regional Members competitions. contribute to music in motion through extended interest in the band and music education programs here at WCU.

*Top:* Tau Beta Sigma members support WCUMusic Department. As music lovers, A. Mitchell, J. Patton, M. Rennix, S. Trantham, J. Barnes, D. McClish, J. Fritz, T, Sanders, B. Hyatt, J. McLord, B. Hunt-Pentz, C. Holloway, and K. Pulse take part in the band program. Music in motion depends on these dedicated individuals.

Middle: Outings aside from campus involvement are common among many of the sisters. J. Patton and A. Mitchell enjoy a day at Carowinds while on break. It's always nice to know you have friends that make the time to have fun.

**Right:** Western's band program is widely known in Western North Carolina. Recognition for such excellence is admirable. Karen Pulse presents Chancellor Bardo with a certificate of appreciation for his contribution to the music department.













#### **Z**ФB

Zeta Phi Beta sorority was organized at Howard university on January 16, 1920 by five founders, Arizona Cleaver, Pearl Neal, Myrtle Tyler, Viola Tyler, and Fannie Pettie. Zeta Phi Beta sorority promotes the cause of education by encouraging the highest standards of scholarship through scientific, literary, cultural, and educational programs; promoting charitable projects on college campus and within the community; fostering the spirit of sisterly love, and promoting the ideal of Finer Womanhood.

The chapter of Zeta Xi was organized at Western Carolina university in 1989. Today, the chapter of Zeta Xi is ten members strong, and will continue to grow. Zeta Xi is actively involved in many service projects. Projects that Zeta Phi Beta have held in the past are Aids Awareness, special Olympics, Sleep Out For the Homeless, UNCW Hurricane, a Coat Drive, and many other service projects to support the community.

*Top:* Service projects are a vital part of sorority involvement. Special olympics is one event sorors don't want to miss. Connie Tharpe is more than willing to assist participants.

Middle: Zetas and Sigmas joined together in a sleep out for the homeless in effort to raise awareness at WCU. Bonita, Peaches, Connie, Michelle, CJ and Kela stayed up all night, too. Sorors served hot chocolate and enjoyed the caring atmosphere of Western's students.

Left: The African American Showcase is an opportunity for sorors to portray their organization in hopes of accumulating interested individuals. Ten members strong Cynthia, Charlotte, Venus, Peaches, Millanie, Connie, Tomika, Deanna, Bonita, and CJ (not pictured) are confident their influence will flourish. Phi beta Sigma brothers, Ernest and Kela continue to support their sisters.

## ZTA

To be a Zeta is to be an Individual, with unique ideas and goals. Each Zeta shares her love and friendship that contributes to the building of a purer and nobler womanhood in a number of areas. One aspect that Zeta Tau Alpha especially excels in is the area of service to others. In addition to philanthropic events, ZTA's enjoy many social, scholarship, and sisterhood activities. The key words for many Zeta's are: beauty, winning, unity, individuality, and friendship. Also, love, the greatest of all things, but in Zeta, that goes without saying.

*Top:* The Crown Ball is a formal held by Zeta's. Held on November 22, this year's formal was a wonderful opportunity for the sisterhood to come together for an evening of sequins, velvet, and satin.

Middle: Sisters: Misty Smith, Amy Lovin, Nicole Ainsworth, Molly Aldridge, Mandy Pence, and Suzanne Timmerman enjoyed promoting ZTA to interested students during Valley Ballyhoo.

<u>Right</u>: Road tripping is always a bonding experience. These sisters enjoyed visiting N.C. State during the University's annual "Lawn Party."















The Delta Omicron Chapter of Delta Sigma Phi National Fraternity was chartered on December 6, 1959. Through its unparalleled alumni support, Delta Sigma Phi Fraternity has managed to stay on top of the fraternity world at WCU since its founding. This was demonstrated in 1994, when Delta Sigma Phi won fraternity of the year honors. Located on four acres of property: the three-story fraternity house, separate chapter room, basketball court, and sand volleyball court are a source of pride for members. Delta Sig is also the only fraternity at WCU with a recognized scholarship for undergraduate brothers.

*Top*: Homecoming is always a time for fraternities and sororities to come together to show their school spirit. These Delta Sig's enjoyed socializing with other Greeks while tailgating.

Middle: Halloween is great for getting together with fraternity brothers to dress up for an evening filled with memories. Whether or not these guys are "tricking" or "treating," is a story that is best left untold.

<u>Left</u>: Delta Sig's are well known throughout campus. Always ready to have a good time, these brothers enjoy partying with everyone.



Delta Chi fraternity was nationally established at Cornell University in 1890. Known as "the brotherhood of a lifetime." Founded in 1991 at WCU, this strong organization began with twenty strong young men.

Delta Chi was the first to abolish hazing (in 1929). As this fraternity stresses high academic standards and a bold work membership ethic, continues to grow. Brothers actively participate in the state's Adopt-A-Program, intramural sports, tailgating activities, blood drives, and fund-raising for their national philanthropy, the Leukemia Society of America.

*Top:* Extracurricular activities are popular among Delta Chi brothers. Members attend numerous campus events such as football games. Team spirit is evident in every aspect of their organization.

Middle: The Halloween party offered some amusing sights. Joan and Bruce's "set up' was the life of the party. Having fun with Delta Chi's is definitely an understatement.

*Right:* The Founders Day Dinner celebrates the founding of the Delta Chi fraternity. This is an opportunity for brothers to bond in friendship and fellowship. The dinner allows for extended conversation of the organization's welfare.













#### KA

Kappa Alpha Order is a way of life significant to the development of young Revered as the "Southern gentlemen of the fraternity world," the brothers of Kappa Alpha believe in the acquisition of knowledge and development of character to be great goals of life. Members are involved in student government, various honor societies, intramural sports, charity events, mixers, and Old South Weekend. Through fellowship ad brotherhood, KA seeks to teach young men to be leaders, to be brave, self reliant and to continually strive to better themselves.

*Top:* The development of sound character is appreciated by KA brothers. Gathered together, members enjoy Super Bowl weekend. This is the perfect opportunity for bonding.

Middle: Intramural sports are among the favorable extracurricular activities for KA brothers. Jack May and Rick Husak take advantage of every eventinvolving comradery.

Left: Southern hospitality is a fine characteristic or these brothers. Eric Dave, Bennie, and Chris exhibit such individuality among the Kappa Alpha order here, at WCU. Gentlemen in their own right, these leaders support one another in fellowship.

#### $\Lambda XA$

Lambda Chi Alpha fraternity, "The Fraternity of Honest Friendship," was founded in the United States. They have continued as one of the most successful fraternities here, winning the Overall Excellence Awards in 1994.

With social event at their own riverfront house, including Sorority Kidnap, the annual nationally known Lambdapallooza and Crescent Weekend, they strive to make college a fun experience. They are also all-campus intramural champions and have brothers who serve in student government, giving them the edge in faculty/student communication.

*Top:* Lambda Chi brothers enjoy good, clean fun. Mark, Mike, Rephus, Jason, Burt and Andy toast their fraternity in the spirit of lifelong friendship. Who says college isn't about having fun?

Middle: Tailgating before football games is a time for brothers to get hyped for the anticipating win for WCU. BBQ and drinks that are available bring on the school spirit! Representing their fraternity in style, Bill, Travis, Michael, Pat, Nick, Mike, Jason, David, Ryan, Cory, Don, Matt, Jason, Chris and Brandon display a Lambda Chi flag in support of the Cats.

Right: The North American Food Drive extended the service to the surrounding communities. These excited brothers were more than willing to help the needy. For a good course, these guys will go to any length to offer assistance.













### ΦΒΣ

The Pi Mu Chapter of Phi Beta Sigma Fraternity, Inc. was founded on the campus of Western Carolina University on November 26, 1986. The founding brothers were determined to establish a fraternal organization to meet the needs of local and college communities. The values of scholarship, brotherhood, and service are stressed among these brothers. This year marks ten years of Sigma for these African American men. Presently, there are six active brothers and one advisor, among WCU staff. Fraternal involvement important to the members of Phi Beta Sigma. Hosting the Sleepout for the Homeless and participating in the Stomp Fest '96 is among their accomplishments. The Sigmas were 1st runner up at Stomp Fest '96. Also, there are active members in NPH (National Pan-Hellenic) and also in CAAP (Council of African American Presidents); the organization developed for all African American oriented clubs on campus. According to their organizational constitution, Phi Beta Sigma and Zeta Phi Beta are the only true brother/sister organization among Greeks.

<u>Top</u>:Sigmas are united in brotherhood and friendship. Brothers of today and yesterday continue to strengthen the organization through service and scholarship. Active membership and alumni involvement keeps the fraternal organization in demand.

Bottom: Marking the tenth year of Phi Beta Sigma, this fraternity prides itself on scholarship. "Meet the Greeks" provides the brothers with an opportunity for recruiting additional members. Shawn, Ceasar, Kela, Chris, Mark, and Ernest carry on tradition as years pass.

<u>Left</u>: Leonard and Jimmy are welcomed into brotherhood this semester. Bluuu Phiii! 'United we stand-divided we fall', these brothers provide themselves on leadership and scholarship above all else.

# ПКА

Pi Kappa Alpha, based on brotherly love and kind feeling, is outstanding in academics, athletics and campus involvement. Chartered on WCU's campus in 1967, Pikes earned fraternity of the year honors in 1988.

Not only are Pikes known for their scholastic achievement, they are known for their outstanding social functions. Among these events are Homecoming, Founder's Day, Pikes Peak and Dream Girl. Fraternal involvement is important and treasured over time.

*Top*: Coming together for the holidays, these Pikes throw a Christmas party for brothers and their families. It's a time to reflect on the year's events and plan for the future.

Middle: Pikes enjoy fraternal activities because it's an opportunity to bond with brothers. Pikes Peak is a widely known event here at Western and these brothers and their friends spent every moment having a blast. This is a weekend to let it all loose.

**Right**: Before leaving for Fall break, Pikes celebrate brotherhood the old fashion way...a workout! Jamie, Casey, Joe, Matt, Van, Brad, George, Matt, Chad, Beau, Jody, Chad, Scott, Chad and Jim demonstrate their obvious loyalty.













# ПКФ

Pi Kappa Phi was established in 1904, in Charleston, SC upon the idea of Christian manhood, personal fellowship, responsibility, scholarship, and citizenship. The eternal brotherhood of Gamma Epsilon chapter became a part of Western's campus life November 12, 1966. Known as the "friendly fraternity," brothers live by the motto "Nothing shall ever tear us as-under." Active on campus and in the community, Pi Kapps work diligently for PUSH America, their national philanthropy. Other activities of involvement include intramurals, mixers, clubs, and the annual Rose Ball.

*Top*: As the 30th year on campus, Pi Kapps' president Mike O'Donovan along with Amy decide to have fun in the mud! Brothers support one another under any circumstances and this event is no exception.

Middle: Homecoming brought brothers from near and far to this campus. Seven generations of Pi Kapps spread common loyalty over the years. Returning year after year, brothers faithfully support their fraternity.

Left: "Ya ho" is sung by Pi kapps as a celebration of their brotherhood. Spawned by the partying atmosphere, these brothers struggle through the verses in laughter. What a way to spend a Saturday night!

## ПЛФ

Lambda Phi Ρi Fraternity was founded in 1895, upon the common belief that all men are created free and equal. These beliefs have endured, bringing about a culturally racially diverse and fraternity. The Omega Zeta chapter at WCU was formed in 1978. This particular chapter at Western will continue to grow by playing an active role within the college and community.

*Top:* Diversity is just one of the characteristics that these Pi Lam brothers pride themselves on. Closeness and pride for their brothers is evident among these guys.

<u>Middle</u>: Mike Sloane, Jamie Yelton, Mike Macias, Steven Kinley, and Jay Hardy seem to appreciate the bond of brotherhood that will undoubtedly last forever.

<u>Right</u>: Christy Owen and Joseph Quick enjoy spending a cold wintery day inside the Pi Lam house.















When change and progress come to mind, so does the Sigma Chi Fraternity. Since chartering in the fall of 1991, this fraternity has made accomplishments that normally take over a decade.

The Sigma Chi's brotherhood is diverse in temperament, talent, and conviction. The fraternity's successis due to the practice of friendship, justice, and learning. The result of these practices is a lifelong commitment to brotherhood in the Sigma Chi Fraternity.

Top: The Kappa Gamma chapter of the Sigma Chi Fraternity is known as a very distinguished and successful organization of gentlemen. These brothers have worked extremely hard to make their fraternity what it is today on Western's campus.

<u>Middle</u>: These pledges of Sigma Chienjoy keeping good fraternity relations with all the sororities on campus.

<u>Left</u>: Never missing a chance for a good time, these Sigma Chi's show their brotherly support for one another.

### ΣΝ

Sigma Nu founded at the Virginia Military Institute in 1869. Based on love, truth, and honor, Sigma Nu has evolved into the top fraternity in the country according to the National Interfraternity Council. The WCU chapter of Sigma Nu was chartered in 1985, and offers a strong sense of brotherhood and scholastic achievement. Only the best and hardest working men wear the Sigma Nu badge. Sigma Nu's present a challenge to all who desire the best and who are willing to strive diligently to attain it.

*Top*: Receiving one's "big brother" is always a good cause for celebration. These Sigma Nu pledges will work very hard pledging during the semester but with their "big brothers" help, hopefully it will be easier for them.

Middle: All work and no play? Not these guys. Pausing momentarily for refreshment, these brothers are preparing themselves for another wild and crazy night of partying.

<u>Right</u>: Visiting one's fraternity national headquarters is an honor that many brothers appreciate. Tim Pickles was one of the few to visit Sigma Nu's National Headquarters at VMI.















Sigma Phi Epsilon fraternity was founded nationally at Richmond College, Virginia in 1901. Today Sigma Ep's are one of the leading Greek organizations with approximately 289 chapters nationwide. Many men of high stature have chosen Sigma Phi Epsilon as their brotherhood; names like John Goodman, Oral Hershiser, and Dave Kreig come to mind. Hereat WCU, the North Carolina Pi chapter has dedicated itself to the pursuit of college men who possess the qualities that will keep Sigma Phi Epsilon among the nation's best fraternities.

*Top*: During their pledgeship, these Sig Ep pledges decided to beat the heat and go bald. This joint decision was made in effort to show their unity.

<u>Middle</u>: Express yourself! Obviously Trip Deforrest has no problem displaying his creative individuality.

<u>Left</u>: Trying to keep one's fraternity among the nation's best is hard work. Finding time to relax with friends is often a great opportunity for creating memories.

# TKE

On January 10, 1899, Tau Kappa Epsilon was founded on the principle: "Not for wealth, rank, or honor, but for personal worth and character." This has been motto fundamental of Tau Kappa Epsilon for more than 100 years and has made TKE the international largest fraternity. In the 36 years of its existence at WCU, the brothers of Zeta Omicron have achieved success in all aspects of college life. Tau Kappa Epsilon's recognition as WCU's 1990 Fraternity of the Year is testament to the fact that while a social fraternity, TKE stresses academic achievement and community involvement.

*Top:* This TKE brother helps cut up barbecue during Mountain Heritage Day. The BBQ booth, a long time tradition, is one of the fraternity's biggest fund-raisers held during the Fall semester.

Middle: Spending a Saturday afternoon hitting tourist spots is a great way to bond with brothers. Lathem, Ryan, Josh, and Will enjoyed visiting this spectacular sight near the Nantahala River.

**Right**: Double teaming in an intense game of foozeball, Matt Tucker and Mike Dancy remain focused against their opponents. Playing foozeball is a favorite pastime of many TKE brothers.















Theta Xi was the first fraternity founded on Western Carolina's campus. The fraternity prides itself on a strong brotherhood, excellent alumni support, and a well-kept house. Xi Theta stresses individuality of it's members and does not expect any member to compromise. Theta Xi promotes university and community relations, by sponsoring a local youth soccer team and doing philanthropic work on behalf of the mentally handicapped and Habitat for Humanity.

**Top**: Venturing to Mardis Gras was a wonderful experience for these brothers and their friends. Endless nights were filled with people from all over the nation, food, parties, drinks, and last but not least, friends.

Middle: The strong brotherhood of Theta Xi is very apparent around our campus. These brother's individuality helps complete what the fraternity is today.

<u>Left</u>: Greek Games is a time to express pride for one's fraternity. These brothers and their friends enjoyed spending a week of fun and games supporting Theta Xi.

#### Nonparticipants Page

Listed below are the two fraternities choosing not to include themselves in the Greek section of the 1996 - 1997 Catamount Yearbook:

Alpha Omega Delta Kappa Kappa Psi

Unfortunately, these fraternities were contracted on numerous occasions and our efforts were ignored. Lack of representation is due in part by the absence of brothers on campus. However, we apologize for the exclusion.

I would like to extend recognition to the return of Alpha Phi Alpha fraternity. It is nice to have you back on campus.

Thank you all, Jeneé D. Randall, Greek Section Editor Margie Koch, Editor - In - Chief



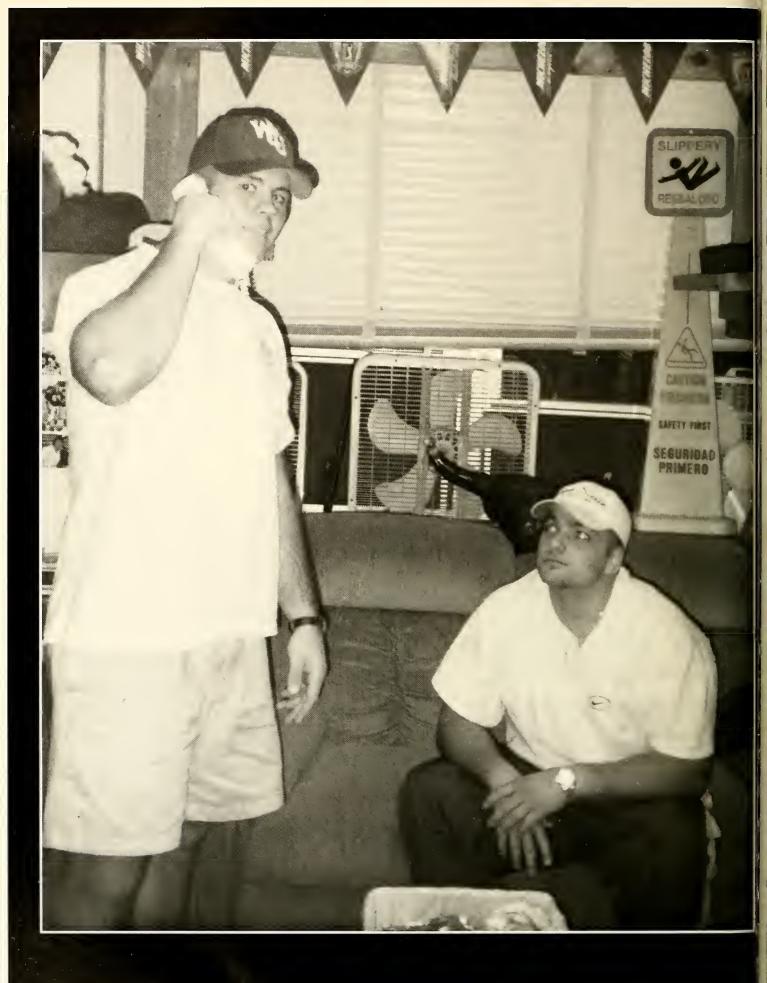
















### Express Yourself!

From newspapers to television, society is covered by the oncerns and issues that are occurring. College displays many f the issues that are the hot headlines throughout everyday fe. Gay rights, safe sex, young parents, and political issues are nany of the questionable topics that stir arguments from class o class and dorm to dorm. Each student is faced with these ontroversial topics, and each has the right to follow his/her wn beliefs. The freedom of expression helps students declare neir own individualism at college. Students show a variety of pinions and take advantage of their freedom to express their find.



#### Coming Out Day!

#### The Choice is Theirs!

This issue is heard throughout the nation. Gay rights is a controversial environment. The thought of subject that turns heads in every prejudice, hatred, or just simple confusing thoughts fill people's mind. One should not be narrow minded about the situation, and support all opinions. To hold discrimination against homosexuals is degrading to the nation as a whole. Students should not show their ignorance with prejudice. They should learn to everyone has a accept that right to express their mind. Pink triangles, freedom rings, and straight rainbows are all symbols that homosexuals wear with pride and dignity. Many of the homosexuals are proud of their choice, and feel that their individualism is important in today's world. The Western Carolina counseling service offers support to gay, lesbian, and bisexual groups. Every individual deserves respect and the right to carry his/her own opinion.

ft: This college student es her freedom of pression and displays ropinion on mosexuality. "Too te to be straight," is r theory behind life.

¿ht: Western Carolina liversity offers many ganizations and ivities to support gays, bians, and bisexuals on npus. The National ming Out Day was don Oct. 11, 1996, and ve students the portunity to express ir views on the lation.



"I am grateful that I can be proud of my choices in life and that I have the right to live my life the way I want to."

-annoymous girl



### Voting! Let Your Opinion Count

Voting gives students the chance to voice their opinions, but many do not take advantage of their voting privileges. The popular saying, "My vote won't count," is a myth that many students believe. Everyone's vote counts and will make difference. When someone takes the choice not to vote, they are letting everyone else decide his/her future. Student knowledge increases they become more involved. Volunteer work for elections and groups college students take the on campus can help first steps in becoming larger participants in politics. the myths and misconceptions Everyone must step away from of politics and learn how they can become a voice within their society.

This year was a very ortant year for elections ause the Presidential tions were held. Clinton, ot, and Dole were the didates for the 96' elections, Clinton lead the votes and ame our second term ident. Organizations on the push helped inform lents about each candidate, hey could make the best ce when voting.

'it: At age 27, Keith Stiles heavily involved in inteer work for political tions. This democratiked for the 92' Clinton/e campaign. Stiles wants continue working for tions and campaigns, but a sked if he would ever defice, he replied,



"If you don't vote and get involved, your voice is lost in the world, and you have no right to complain."

- Keith Stiles



#### Student Parents

### Diapers and Books: How do you carry both of them?

he stress that a college student obtains through a school week can be overwhelming papers, students often wonder all the responsibilities that the stress seems to be at imagine being a parent. Not only midterm but they have responsibility of

child. This is true in WCU. The students are grades, plus show their parent. They are determined positive attitudes towards the

ṯ : "Baby Got Back!" is student has to carry re than just books

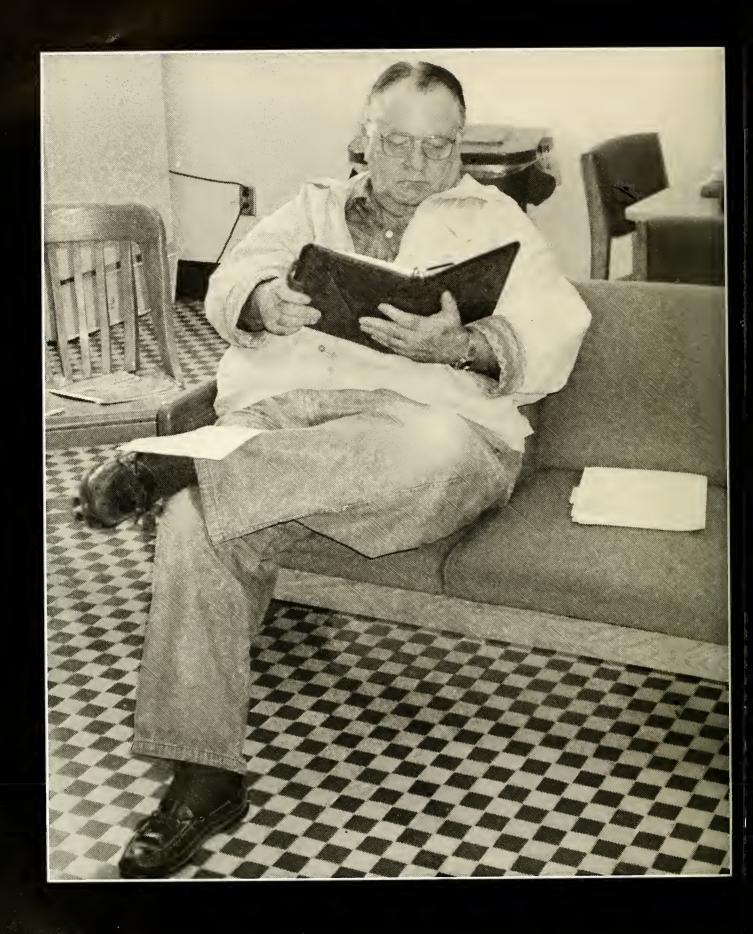
und campus. Young ents have to learn how chedule parent hood in h their school work.

<u>;ht</u> : Traci, a 21 year old dentatWestern, always her hands full. Her 5 nth old baby girl, rianne, is one of Traci's eatest accomplishnts. With the help of mom and dad, Traci been able to stay in tool and be a great ther.



at times. From tests to term how they are going to handle surround them. At times the highest level, but college student and might they have tomorrow, the daily caring for their many cases able to make the love and duties as a and dedicated and still hold future for themselves and for their child. The main question is, "How do they handle it all?"

> "Don't ever quit, anythingis possible!" -Traci Iones



#### Non - Traditional Students Teaching an Old Dog New Tricks

hoever said you can not teach an old dog new tricks, will stand corrected when introduced to numerous non-traditional students that attend

There are a great number of

category on non-traditional.

Western Carolina University. students that fall under the Although thev they hold many of the majority of students at to find the time to responsibilities of the adaptation of life. They are faced intimidation of younger

considered non-traditional, same values as WCU. They just have schedule in their work, bills, and their college social with students and accepted into the young situations of being environment of college. Although they are faced with share the same friendly close different struggles, they still knit life here at WCU. All the students live around the same beautiful scenery and they are part of the family at Western Carolina. Age

is just a matter of opinion. College is for anyone who is willing to display their dedication for their education. It is never too late to set new goals.

t: Trying to stay on top of ngs, this non-traditional dent finds time to juggle all nis responsibilities into his ege life. It is never too late tart on a better education. rning is the key to saccess.

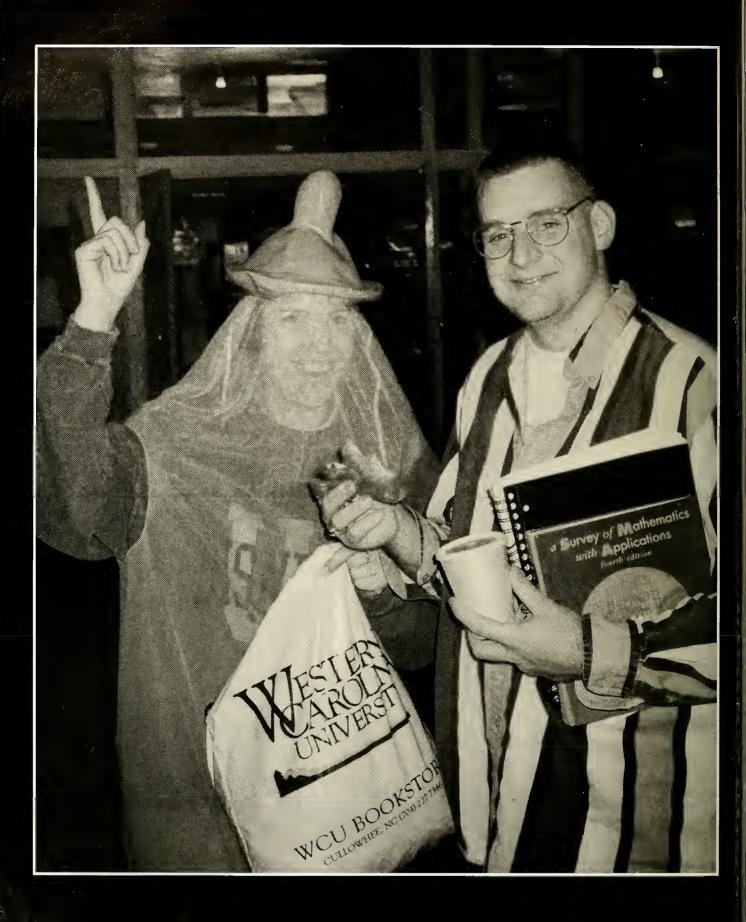
<u>ht</u>: Atage 33, Bill Claypoole one of the many nonditional students at WCU. er his divorce, he made a ge decision to return back school to gain his college ication. Bill holds an open nd and is ready to face his v challenges and obstacles.



"Age is not number; age is a state of mind...I'll never grow up."

the the

-Bill Claypoole



#### Sexually Transmitted Disease Nothing To Joke About

t can't happen to me!" "I'm too young!" "I'm intelligent!" "I'm an athlete...and healthy!" All of these statements are myths. The truth is that STD's do not discriminate against race, sex, physical attractiveness, or economical levels. STD's are

quite common. Anyone who

According an epidemic of STD's AIDS is on the rise, students educate prevent this

Although use abstinence as number of young active. STD's result from misfortunate sexual acts. emphasized. Observing basic partners wisely, and being open is sexual active is at risk. statistics, there is currently in the United States. As is vital that themselves plague. many students

protection, a great adults are sexually irresponsible sex should Safe hygienic practices, choosing to discuss sexual conduct prior to actual contact is essential. For protection, using a condom is only the

: During AIDS Awareness ek, students across the ipus were informed about deadly STD, AIDS. The ondom Man" helped get lents attention, and made m realize the importance of doms. Knowledge is the t protection against ally transmitted diseases.

beginning!

<u>ht</u>: Jenee` Randall isn't the y college student that has vorry about the dangers of )'s. Unfortunately, STD's reported across campuses onwide. Everyone should aware of these highly tagious diseases.



" Ignorance can and will hurt you... But only if you let it!"

- Jenee` D. Randall



#### Dorm Siblings Not Related, But Ready To Kill!

ho's bringing the T.V..?" "Do you have a stereo?" "Canyou pay for half of the cable?" These are

c o m m o n questions heard throughout

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<u>eft</u>: Relaxation is the key o college, and these oommates have all the ricks of the trade. Adam and Steve take time out of heir hectic schedules to pend quality time ogether. The bond that oommates exchange will eave lasting memories.

<u>Right</u>: Smiling is lefinatly contagious, and heseroommates have got all the symptoms. These wo are very grateful to have one another to share heir cries. Their time ogether can never be replaced.



#### Top 10 Roommate Expectations at WCU:

- 1. Cleanliness
- 2. Consideration
- 3. Friendliness
- 4. Respectfulness
- 5. Honesty
- 6. A Good Listener
- 7. Morality
- 8. Fun
- 9. Goal oriented
- 10. Motivated







Join In The Activities
Of WCU

Each year students are able to express their opinions, and make a fference in campus life by joining clubs and organizations. Because of ese organizations, WCU is a more student oriented campus. Clubs like MP allow students to bring celebrities on campus and an opportunity for udents to travel to new places. Many students join organizations that late to their course of study, like the Criminal Justice Club. Clubs and ganizations, like SGA, enhance one's leadership abilities and opens cople to new experiences. Some clubs allow students to just have fun, hile others allow their participants to have fun and also learn new formation and skills. All clubs and organizations are involved in helping hers out. No matter who you are or what interests you, there is always omething to get involved in around campus. Thanks to the clubs and ganizations, there is always something going on at WCU.

# Take Charge! Student Government Association



Andrew Brock
President



Joe Monroe Vice President

SGA officers senators worked hard this year for the best interest of the student body. Despite the fact that they got off to a shaky start with the unexpected replacing of the president, they were successful. SGA deals with the yearly duties of homecoming court elections, senate meetings, and being the voice of the students. SGA worked very hard on a numerous amount of other activities. These activities included: Monitoring debates, researching resolutions, attending leadership conferences, and representing the students.



**Executive Body** 

### Providing Quality Entertainment Last Minute Productions



Bernie Grauer
President



**Executive Board** 



sponsors of entertainment for Western's students. LMP provides students with many exciting activities to get involved in. Movies, white water rafting and hiking outings, stand up comedians, concerts, and shopping trips were just a few of the events that students had an opportunity to attend. Many students enjoyed participating in the activities that LMP provided.

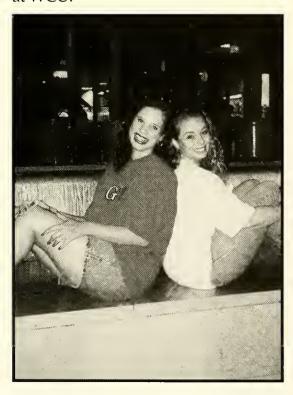
Last Minute Productions

is known as one of the major

**General Staff** 

### Using The Team Approach Layouts, Snapshots, Deadlines

As of 5:00 in the morning on November 15, 1996, the lights of the yearbook office in the Old Student Union had yet to go off. Staff members, as well as editors, could be found sprawled all over the office in their pajamas concentrating on one common goal: to meet the deadline. Working under their editor, Margie Koch, each staff member strived to meet the expectations of "the team." Consisting of a wide diversity of members, the yearbook staff was able to cover all aspects of college life. New additions to this years book included students portraits, a "Student Issue" section, and a more detailed Student Life section. This year's staff worked extremely hard to represent each student at WCU.



Margie Koch: Editor - In - Chief Karyn Koehler: Assitant Editor



General Staff: First Row: Dana Harrison, Krystal Yarbrougl Alexandrea Alcala`, Tracy Hall, Margie Koch Second Row: Crist Hall, Kristen Hendrick, April Hyatt, Josh Grooms, O.J. Morri Karyn Koehler, Lisa McHenry Not Pictured: J.D. Randall an Michael Stewart



Executive Staff: Christy Hall, April Hyatt, Josh Groom Margie Koch, Karyn Koehler Not pictured: Mike Stewar

# Read All About It Keeping Students Informed



General Staff



**Executive Staff** 

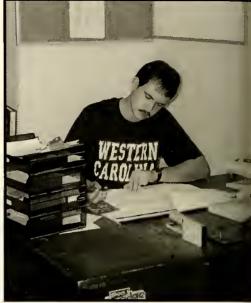
For up to date information and news, the WCU students can rely on the Western Carolinian. Published every Thursday, the paper is well distributed throughout campus. Covering everything from public safety highlights around campus to touchy subjects like the use of illegal drugs, the Carolinian focuses on keeping students well informed. Sections in the paper that can be found include: News, Features, Sports, Environment, Op Ed, and Classifieds. For those who are unable to attend sporting events, the Carolinian offers full coverage and scores. The Western Carolinian is one of the best sources of information on campus for local "Cullowhee" news.



Tony Taylor Editor -In - Chief

## "Today's Best Music" with WWCU, 90.5 FM





**Shawn Davis Promotion Director** 

Phillip Drum General Manager

Derek Hooks Program Director

At Western Carolina there are many things offered to students to make their lives more enjoyable. One of them happens to be WCU's own campus radio station, WWCU.

General Manager, Phillip "Dino" Drum tries to provide Cullowhee with music everyone wants to hear. "Dino" likes to please everyone by playing each individual's personal request. WWCU also has a large and diverse staff. The staff provides different musical perferences in order to try to please all listeners.

To add life and provide entertainment for the listeners, WWCU promotes more than just music. To help "liven up" the atomosphere and capture more listeners, WWCU also holds contests that offer a wide variety of prizes.



**General Staff** 

## Helping Make A Home Away From Home Resident Student Association



Brian Allen President



**Executive Board** 



**General Body** 

When there is a problem or concern with resident halls, food service or some other student service. who can a student turn to for help? The Resident Student Association is not only understanding, but also a powerful organization of Western Carolina. Bryan Allen, President of RSA, explains that, "RSA is a powerhouse of people who try help improve university." RSA implements various community service projects that benefit worthy causes. The members of RSA voice opinions to people such as: the Chancellor, Director of Housing, Director of Food Service, Chief of Public Safety, and Student Development.

# WCU Clubs and Organizations Students Getting Involved on Campus



Clinical Laboratory Science Club



Presby Christian Fellowship



Sociology Club



**Catamount Communications** 



The Society of Physics Students



Student Health Information Management Association



Sigma Alpha Iota



Criminal Justice Club



Business Law Club



Pre-Health Professional Student Association



WCU Golden Ambassadors



Organization Of Ebony Students



Project C.A.R.E.



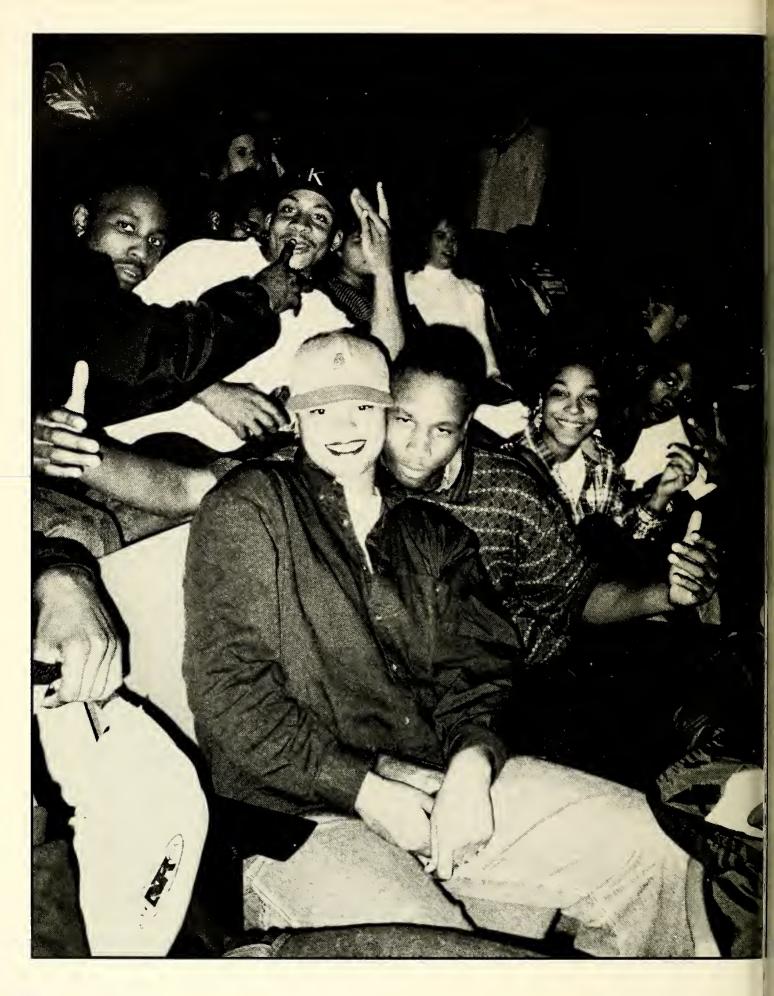
WCU Inspirational Choir



АФА Executive Board



Alpha Phi Alpha







The Transitional Years

The college years are considered the best years of a student's life. It is the time when idents develop knowledge and skills that they use towards a successful future. College ens many doors to endless possibilities of careers.

Freshman have the hardest time with the new experiences of college life. They have to arn to manage their time between studying, working, hanging out with friends, and partying. ey also have to learn how to take care of themselves in their new environment. As Freshmen ach their Sophomore year, they make a decision that will carry a big impact for the rest of their es; they declare a major. Juniors go out and find opportunities that might guarantee them ture success. This is the year in which most students become available to work in their field study, and discover if they have what it takes to succeed in their career. As a Senior, students ust begin typing their resumes and attending interviews. The Senior year is when students k to prospective employers and make decisions about their future. Other students might cide to attend graduate school.

During the college years, students are able to enjoy many experiences and memories. tenight discussions about problems, spontaneous desires to take road trips, going to watch lleyball players on nice days, staying up all night and then having to get up for an eight clock class... this is what college is all about! Experiences in college helps prepare students living in today's fast paced world.

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### Seniors

Angela Allen Franklin, NC

Jay Anand Gastonia, NC

Ashley Arrowood Midland, NC

Eleonore Aubrieux Cullowhee, NC









Wykesha Bailey Appling, GA

Sylvia Baker Whitter, NC

Tara Barker Thomasville, NC

> Jenny Bean Sylva, NC









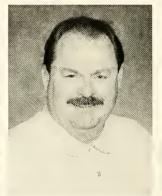
Daniel Berry Canton, NC

Jerry Bourne Cullowhee, NC

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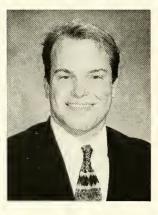


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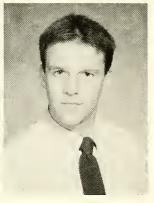


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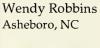








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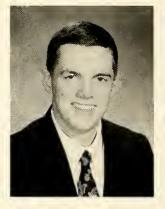
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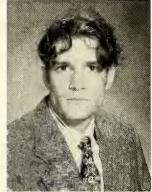
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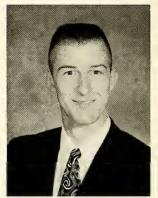
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### Kristy Jevon Tipton

Congratulations on your graduation. Your accomplishments are many. No one could be more proud then us. May your life be successful and filled with happiness always.

We love you. Mom. Dad. Melody. and Drew





### Bryan Clayton Martin



From the day you were born, you have always bee special. You've accomplished lot and we are very proud to you.

We love you Mon Dad, and Jac

### Melissa Rennix

The greatest of your accomplishments are still before you. Go forth and seek them, give flight to your dreams, take hold the reins of destiny, and live life to the fullest. Congratulations on your graduations!

We love you,

Mom, Dad, and

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### James Paul Morgan





J.P., congratulations on all of your accomplishments!

Your family is proud of you! We hope your future will be one of success and happiness!

With love, Dad, Wilma, Frank, and Michelle

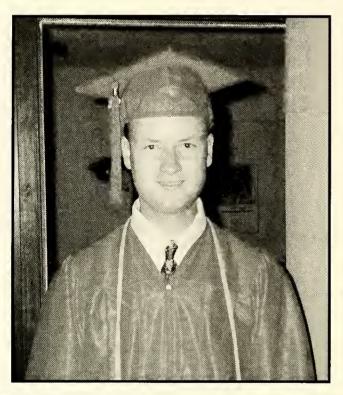
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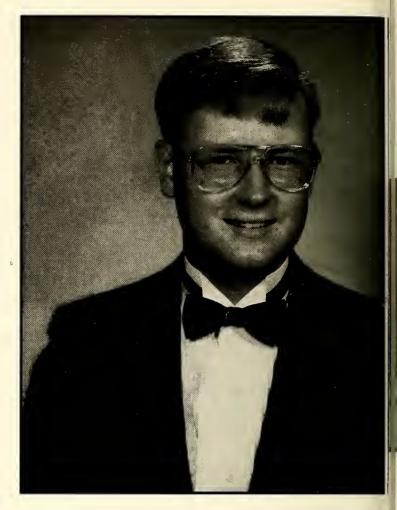
Congratulations, Adam! Not only are you a great student; you're a terrific fishermen. We're very proud of you.

> Love, Mom, Dad, Alison, and Amanda

## Daniel Edward Cheek







- From high school graduation to college graduation, you have grown to be a fine young man. You have accomplished a lot and we are very proud of you. We wish you success and happiness always. We love you!

- Mom, Dad, and your two Grannies

### Mary Jon Church







From Kindergarten graduation, high school graduation, to college Delta Beta years, you've accomplished a lot and we are very proud. Congratulations on your graduation! We wish you much success and happiness.

We love you, Mom, Dad, and Leah

### Traci Lynn Jones





In everything you do, put God first and He will crown your efforts with success (Proverbs 3:6 Living). We are all very proud of your achievements. We wish you success and happiness in all you endeavor in life!

We love you, Dad, Mom, Gayle, and Adrianne

## Jennifer Lynn Carter







We are proud of you Jennifer!!

Love,

Mom, Dad,

brother Jonathan

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Congratulations on your graduation! To are so proud of you. We wish you success at happiness. May God always bless you. We light up our lives!

We love you. Nana & Grandaddy



Jamie,

Congratulations to my very special grandaughter on your graduation. Grandaddy was so proud of you, and so am 7. Best wishes for a very successful career.

Love, Grandma

# Jamie Lee Cecil

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ish you well in all

at you may do!

Love Ya,

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It seems like only yesterday you were a little girl who wanted to be all grown up. Now the time has come and you are just that - all grown up. We just wanted you to know how proud we are of you!

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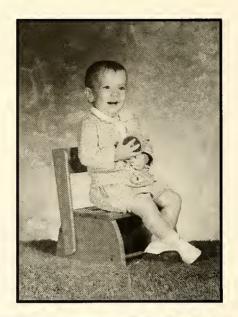


mie,

Did you ever think four years ago you would be rduating? We are so proud of you. Hope all your rams come true, and we will always be here for you, rporting and loving you.

Love, Mama and Daddy

### Chadwick Shane Parker









From toddler, to kindergarten, 8th grade graduation, his school graduation, to senior year in college, you've accomplish a lot and we are all very proud. We wish you success as happiness always.

We love you, Mom, Dad, and Travis

#### Autumn,

Throughout Ir. High, High School and college, you've always been outstanding. om being a cheerleader for 6 years, to being sorority president, to making the Dean's st, you've reached so many of your dreams. Keep reaching for the stars!! Keep your als high!! We're so proud of you, not only for all your accomplishments, but for the son you are!!



CONGRATULATIONS, AUTUMN!! WE LOVE YOU VERY MUCH!! MAMA, DADDY, AND HEATHER

### Autumn Paige Nelson



Marjorie Louise Koch





Margie,
"Guniufus" sends
congratulations!
Welove you and
are proud of
you.

Mom & Dad



Yancey, Rock On!







Love, Mom, Dad, and Walter



### Judith Lynn Henderson

Congratulations, Lynn!

Your perserverance and hard work are paying off! We are very proud of you.

We love you,

Mom, Janis,

### Holly Lynn Cashman



From a sweet little
girl, to a beautiful
young woman, Holly
"Wally" Cashman,
we're so proud of you!!
All our love,
Mom, Dad,
Heidi, and Kip

and doggies too

### Kyle Moody



For all you have been and for all you are, we are so proud of you. Congratulations on your graduation. We wish yousuccess and happiness always.

We love you, Mom and Dad



### Christy Leigh Roberts



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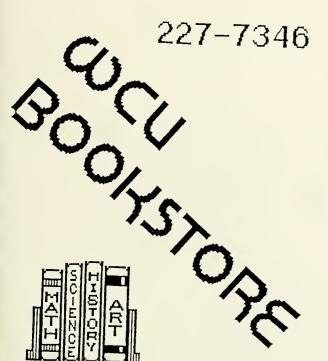
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This year began on August 19th, 1996, and came to a close on my 9th, 997. Whether it was your first year at WCU, your second, or your fifth... t was one never to be forgotten.

1997 was a year to be remembered for all "Cullowheeians." A year for hanges, laughter, new friends and old ones, late night partying and early norning cramming, was the ultimate experience for all students.

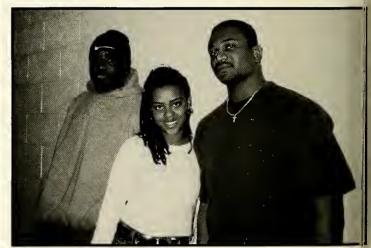
While much of the school year was exactly like many others, some of twas not. There were also some ongoing changes: Chancellor Bardo ontinued to raise the academic bar, the University Center was under onstruction, and the University Players continued to demonstrate outstanding talent. Activities that spiced up the university included: parties, plays, LMP activities, and academic affairs. When the 1996-1997 chool year came to an end, all students left with memories that would last hem a lifetime.













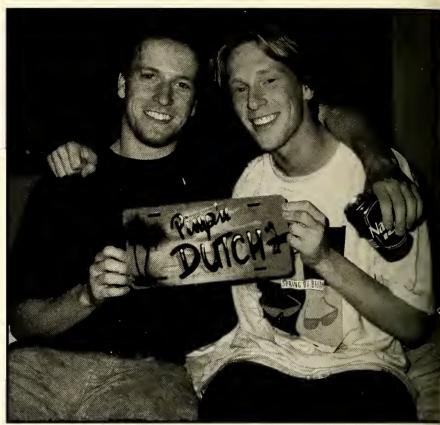


























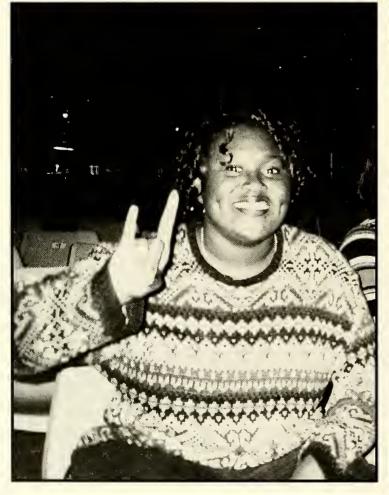


























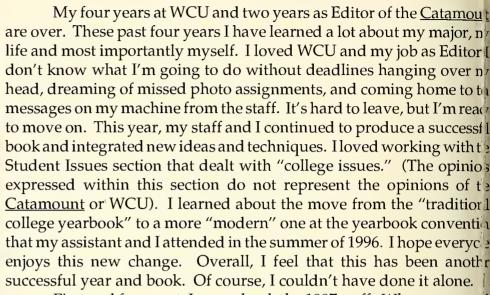
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Love and laughter, Margie Koch













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